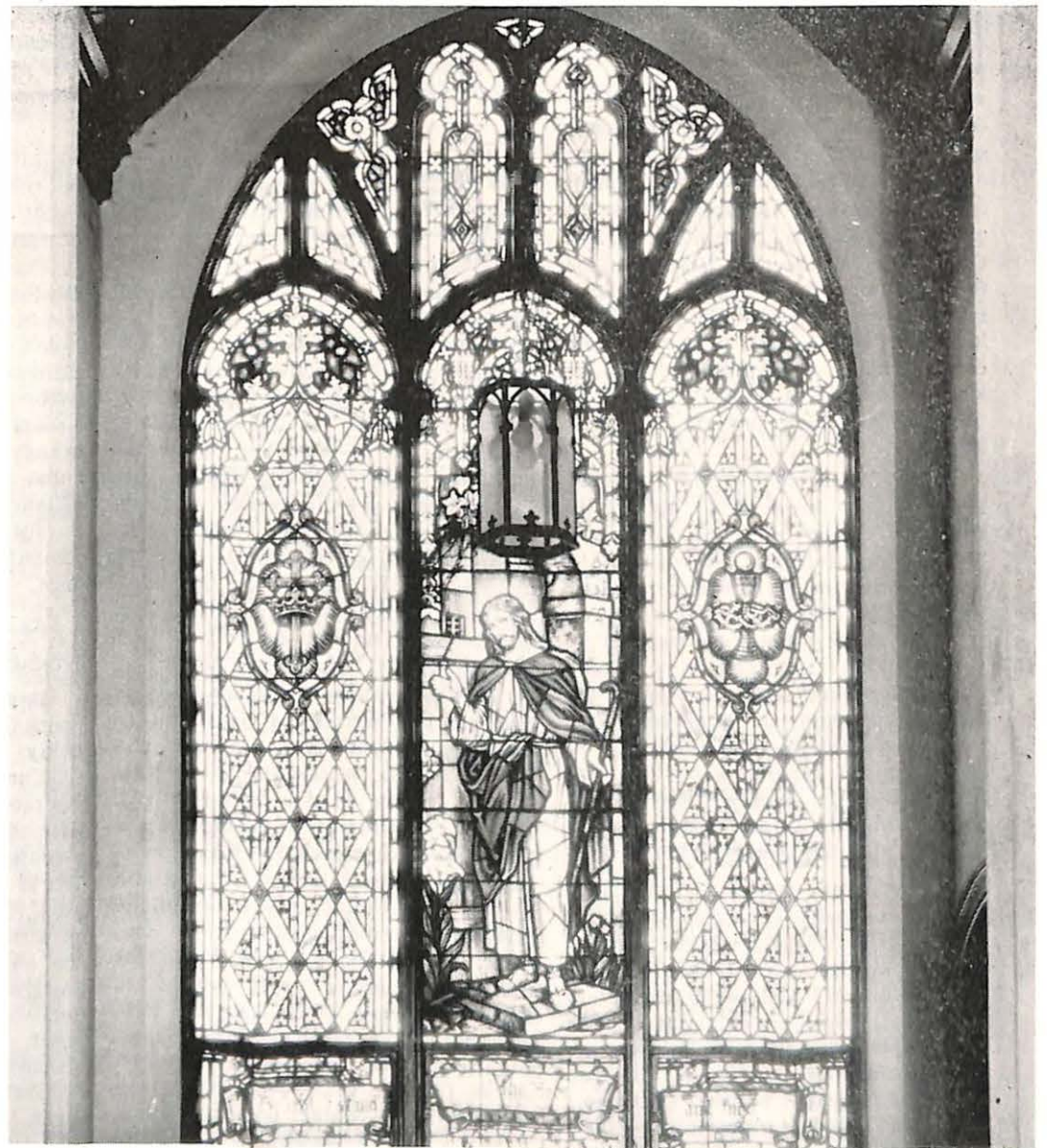


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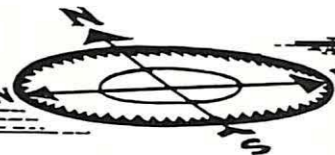
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*Operation TFC!
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● A daily newspaper publisher and radio station owner in Henryetta, Oklahoma, has started a "Billy Graham for President" club. J. Leland Gourley, president and publisher of the *Henryetta Free Lance*, said in an editorial that Mr. Graham "must be drafted" because America needs the power Billy Graham believes in.

● Dr. Daniel Poling, editor of the "Christian Herald," has donated his house and 400 acres of property at Deering, New Hampshire, for use as a children's center. It will be operated by the Christian Herald Association. About 50 children will live in the 21-room house when the program gets under way next summer.

● Philip Arthur Gaglardi, a dual vocational Canadian, has accepted a dual speaking engagement—he'll close both of the Tw'n National Sunday School conventions (Los Angeles, October 11 and Grand Rapids, November 1). Mr. Gaglardi is Minister of Highways for British Columbia; Pastor Gaglardi ministers at Calvary Temple, Kamloops, British Columbia. Just to take care of his spare time, Pastor Gaglardi conducts a gospel broadcast seven days a week over six radio stations!

● Only 19 per cent of the Lutheran young people between 17 and 28 in Western Germany consider themselves "regular" churchgoers, according to a poll reported in the German religious weekly *Die Kirche der Heimat*. Ten per cent never attend, 44 per cent go "occasionally," and 27 per cent only attend on special festivals. Figures for both urban and rural groups were about the same, the poll said. Highest percentage of regular attendants was 30 per cent, in Baden-Wuerttemberg. Lowest was the 7 per cent in Lower Saxony and Schleswig-Holstein.

● Billy James Hargis, Tulsa, Oklahoma, evangelist recently returned from a six weeks "world tour for Christ," during which time he sent 25,000 balloons from the Iron Curtain border of Czechoslovakia, laden with 125,000 portions of the Bible into communist countries. "I went on this trip as an ambassador without portfolio," reported Hargis, "representing officially no one except my own organization, without foreign aid dollars to give to anyone, but with a growing obsession that such a trip was essential . . . I went, actually, as an ambassador for Christ."

● Robert T. Stevens, former secretary of the Army, has been named chairman of the Laymen's Committee of the Religion in American Life movement. RIAL is supported by 24 national religious bodies with American business cooperating through the Advertising Council. Formed in 1949, its main function is to promote a national "go-to-church" campaign in November of each year. It claims part of the credit for the fact that church attendance in the U. S. has increased 12 per cent in the past eight years. According to the Gallup Poll, 51 per cent of adult Americans now attend church.

● Among the many visitors at the historic meeting in Cleveland, Ohio, at

which the Congregational Christian Churches and the Evangelical and Reformed Church merged into the United Church of Christ, was an official delegation from the Disciples of Christ. The delegation was invited by the merging churches following action by the International Convention of the Disciples of Christ in Des Moines last October at which a committee was asked to explore the possibility of the Disciples merging with the new United Church. The new denomination has a membership of approximately two million. If the Disciples denomination joined with the United Church, the combined body would have more than four million members and rank fourth among Protestant communions.



Baptist Briefs

● **Prisoner Starts Baptist Church.** The Medano de Oro mission of San Juan Baptist Church in San Juan, Argentina, owes its existence to a murderer who received a copy of the New Testament while serving a penitentiary sentence at Mendoza. The prisoner was converted while reading the Bible, then began personal evangelism among his family and relatives as soon as he gained release. He won 20 more to Christ. Medano de Oro Mission now has its own church building, erected with no outside help — not even from the San Juan church.

● **British Baptists to Canada.** British Baptists are certain to be found in considerable numbers amongst the 25,000 British emigrants to Canada now in course of arrival by airlift. Rev. G. V. Crofoot, secretary of the board of evangelism and social service of the convention of Ontario and Quebec, is keeping an eye on plane arrivals. A message of welcome was inserted in the *Baptist Times* of Great Britain, extending good wishes to Baptist emigrants to Canada, and listing the names of port workers and city welcoming committee chairmen across Canada with whom they are asked to make contact where possible. —The Watchman Examiner

● **Evangelization of Europe's Youth.** A fresher approach to the evangelization of European youth was sought in a European Baptist Youth Leaders Conference at the Baptist Theological

Seminary, Ruschlikon-Zurich, Switzerland. Sixty-seven representatives from 14 nations, including Poland, Hungary and Yugoslavia in Eastern Europe, attended the eight days of discussions devoted to "rethinking evangelism." Joel Sorenson of Stockholm, chairman of the Baptist World Alliance youth department and of the European Baptist Federation youth committee, presided over the conference. Gunter Wieske of Hamburg, newly elected part-time secretary for the EBF youth committee, was the driving force in conference planning.

● **Baptist Youth Conference.** Baptist youth leaders throughout Ontario already are at work preparing for a 1958 conference that doubtless will be the most representative group of Baptist young people ever assembled. The meeting will be the 5th Baptist Youth World Conference, June 27-July 2, 1958. Six thousand young people from 50 different nations on six continents are expected to attend. Folders and posters announcing the conference are available to all churches, colleges and youth leaders requesting them. Requests should be addressed to Robert S. Denny, secretary, youth department, Baptist World Alliance, 1628 Sixteenth Street, N.W., Washington 9, D. C., U. S. A. Douglas Gow of Toronto, general chairman of local arrangements, said that sessions will be held in the 7,500-seat Varsity Arena on the University of Toronto campus.

Editorial



Operation TFC

DURING the next few weeks every North American Baptist should become acquainted with OPERATION TFC. This is a soul winner's program launched a few days ago by the denominational Commissioned Baptist Youth Fellowship. It has for its objective the winning of a "Thousand for Christ" by the young people of our churches during the coming year. But everyone—youth and adults—are invited to join these witnessing throngs. You can also encourage the active participants in your church, pray for the program, and familiarize yourself with its literature and objectives.

At least five pages in this issue of the "Baptist Herald" are devoted to the story of OPERATION TFC. This can be your exciting introduction to this soul winning program. Then secure the "Soul Winner's Packet" for twenty-five cents from your youth leader or pastor in your church, or order it directly from the Commissioned Baptist Youth Fellowship office in Forest Park, Ill. The packet includes a 36 page handbook on personal evangelism prepared by Rev. Daniel Fuchs, denominational evangelist. Every Christian should read this wonderful book and return to its stirring message again and again. The packet also contains several tracts, evangelistic suggestions, and an unusual card arrangement showing "God's Answer to Excuses" and "God's Plan of Salvation."

In this program, sponsored by our youth department, we are confronted by the age-old command of Christ, "Come ye after me, and I will make you fishers of men" (Mark 1:17). "Go ye . . . and preach the gospel" (Mark 16:15). "Ye shall be witnesses unto me" (Acts 1:8). This is a militant command of our Savior, which MUST be carried out by his faithful followers. It is therefore altogether appropriate to call this program by the military title of OPERATION TFC. We are in the ranks of our Master-King, fulfilling his purposes of bringing men and women into reconciliation with the heavenly Father, as we witness to the saving power of the Gospel in our lives. The winning of a "Thousand For Christ" in the light of that command is not too much to expect of us.

This program is also a challenge for these times. In this world of tension, unhappiness and strife, millions of people are seeking peace and spiritual security. They are hungry for something they cannot understand as yet. The challenge comes to every born-again believer in the words of Rev. Daniel Fuchs: "Believe that you have a wonderful Christ to share. In him we have God's answer to all of the deepest needs of life." If you have experienced this saving power "to the uttermost" (Heb. 7:2-5) and have come to know this "wonderful Savior," then consider this fact that there has never been a time so ready for this Gospel testimony of yours as TODAY. Redeem the time and heed the challenge!

All of this will mean a call to higher, more Christlike living if you take this program seriously. It will give you a warm glow in your heart and a radiance to your countenance that you have not known before. It will make you a laborer together with God, a partner with Christ in the greatest work that has been entrusted to us. OPERATION TFC has been launched! Make it a mighty moving of the Spirit in our midst during the months to come!

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—Sketch by Harmon
 "The Holy Spirit has appointed every Christian to be a winner of souls."

SOULS, countless precious souls, as a mighty river, are rushing down to a Christless eternity, for these are swiftly moving days and Satanic influence is at every hand. And we stand idly by! They are lost, eternally lost, and we lift not a hand to turn them from this tide of destruction. Dramatic, you say! Ah yes, but nonetheless true, for life itself is the greatest drama of all.

THE CHRISTIAN'S RESPONSIBILITY

But what can I do about this great tragedy, you ask. You can obey his command, "Go and tell." Every Christian has not been called to be a preacher or teacher of spiritual things, for these are special gifts bestowed by the Holy Spirit, but the Holy Spirit has appointed every Christian to be a winner of souls.

Christians on the Offensive in Soul Winning

Winning souls for Christ is a great privilege and a grave responsibility

By Rev. Raymond P. Yahn of Bridgeport, Connecticut

We are not truly followers of Christ unless we are soul winners, for Christ, our Example, won most, if not all, of his followers by personal effort. Every Christian has been commissioned to go and bring forth fruit, and if we do not fulfill this commission, we fail in our responsibility to Christ.

Eternally lost is every soul without Christ. If our finite minds could but fathom the length of eternity and the awfulness of hell, perhaps we would put forth a greater effort to win souls to him. But whether we fully comprehend it or not, the truth remains that a Christless soul is lost forever.

According to the United Nations Demographic Yearbook for 1956 the world population is increasing at the rate of 83 persons a minute or about 5,000 an hour, and at the present rate will double by the end of the century. The world population increases by about 43,000,000 a year. The yearbook estimated the world population now at 2,777,000,000.

Another recent estimation said that there are approximately 600,000,000 more non-Christians in the world today than fifty years ago. Christians the world over MUST accept this great challenge to win these souls for Christ; else this great host is lost, eternally lost. We, as individual Christians, must do our part in accepting this challenge by being constant witnesses for Christ.

PERSONAL SOUL WINNERS

Great evangelists, ministers of the Gospel, missionaries, Sunday School teachers, cannot evangelize the world alone. It is too great a task. They can reach great numbers, but they cannot always reach individuals. Dr. William Evans has written, "Revivalism is fishing with a great net; personal soul winning is fishing with a single hook. Both are right, but all Christians cannot handle the big net, while all can use the single hook. All Christians are to be fishers of men."

Winning "the crowds" for Christ is certainly praiseworthy and such efforts are to be encouraged, but we must remember that men can enter the Kingdom of God only as individuals. Soul winning is a personal matter; people must be dealt with individually; and this is your responsibility.

Young people especially can reach other young people as no one else can.

You do not need to be a member of an evangelistic team or an organized group, though they have their place and accomplish much for him, but we as individuals are told to be witnesses for Christ "as we go," wherever we go. We must witness in our homes, to our neighbors, to our friends, in our school, in the office, in the shop, wherever we are. With whomsoever you find yourself, these are your particular responsibility. We cannot always win the ones to whom we witness, but if we are to be found faithful to Christ, we must put forth every effort to do so.

God has bestowed upon every Christian the highest honor and the greatest privilege in allowing him to assist in the growth of his Kingdom by bringing others to a knowledge of the Savior. Not only is it a sacred privilege, but it is a solemn responsibility. Too many Christians take this responsibility far too lightly, and what is the result? Many souls who never hear the message of Christ and his saving love are lost forever. No matter how insignificant a Christian may think he is, there are always those whom he, and perhaps he alone, can reach for Christ. Winning souls for Christ is a great privilege and a grave responsibility.

WARRIORS FOR CHRIST

We are told in Matthew 24:32 to "Watch therefore, for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come." We must not be procrastinators in this matter of soul winning. Being led by the Spirit of God, we must work today for "the night is coming." We are inclined to agree with the many who feel that we are now in the final act of life's great drama and the closing curtain may fall at any moment. "I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day; the night cometh when no man can work" (John 9:4).

The battle cry was sounded long ago. Satan never takes a rest, and the Christian must be constantly on the defensive. Satan is having a heyday in this "modern" world of ours, conquering by the scores. And so

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Lead Me to Some Soul Today

The challenge of Personal Evangelism by Mr. Russell C. Middleton of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

BILLY GRAHAM'S campaigns are mass evangelism, but they are conducted in such a way as to make use of people equipped to be personal evangelists and to follow up converts on an individual basis.

Personal evangelism is the program, where Christians are willing and prepared to witness individually to people concerning their salvation.

The Commissioned Baptist Youth Fellowship is setting up Personal Evangelism as its particular endeavor for the year 1957-58. The theme will be, "Every Believer a Winner" and the theme verse, Psalm 126:6, "He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him."

The CBYF has set up a program known as "Operation T. F. C.," which stands for "Thousand for Christ," which will help our young people to practice personal evangelism, as we endeavor to win a thousand souls to Christ through our young people's societies in a year.

Let us approach "Personal Evangelism" from the point of view of the Christian who witnesses.

PURPOSE

We witness because of what we have. We have something worthwhile, the promise of eternal life through the grace of God and the sacrifice of our Lord Jesus Christ. Especially since this is available to others at no cost to us (eternal life is the free gift of God), then it is selfish of us not to witness. "A good man out of the good treasury of his heart bringeth forth that which is good; . . . for of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaketh" (Luke 6:45). God has no other plan for saving the lost, than through our witness and our giving forth out of his Word.

Christ, before his ascension, said to his disciples, "Ye shall be witnesses unto me . . ." (Acts 1:8). Christ prepared his disciples to go forth and witness. So, too, Christ must prepare us to witness through prayer and the inspiration of his Word.

PREPARATION

God does more through the prayers of his people, in accomplishing his purposes in the world, than by any other human means. Without exception, you will find that all great soul winners have been men and women

of prayer. We should pray for all the lost and for God to present the opportunity for us to witness to someone each day. Pray for God to be with you and the particular individual to whom you plan to witness on that day.

Hudson Taylor said that the nearest way to a man's heart is by God's throne of grace. Intercession will do more to win the lost than all the preaching, the writing, and the personal work in the whole world. Speak to God about men before you speak to men about God. "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much" (James 5:16).

STUDY THE WORD! If we are not filled with God's Word, we certainly cannot know how to live according to his will, and we must live within the will of God to win others to Christ. "Every Scripture, seeing that it is Godbreathed, is also profitable for teaching, for refutation, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that the man of God may himself be complete, and completely equipped for every good work" (II Timothy 3:16,17). "For everything that was written of old has been written for our instruction, that through patience, and through the comfort of



Mr. Russell Middleton of Philadelphia, Pa. Member at Large of the Executive Committee of the CBY Fellowship.

the Scriptures, we might have hope" (Romans 15:4).

We want to memorize the key verses in the steps of salvation, so that we can confidently present Christ to the lost. One of the main purposes of "Operation T. F. C." is to equip the Christian with the verses he needs.

Remember, the Bible is the only book which can lead men to a saving knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ.

PRESENTATION

Jesus said in Mark 5:19, "Go home to thy friends and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee."

Let us determine that not a day shall go by without our testifying for the Lord Jesus. We shall find that the world around is hungry for the real thing and will listen respectfully and often thankfully to our witness. "Be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you" (I Peter 3:15).

If you talk down the spoken-witness angle, telling yourself that the testimony of your life is more important than what you say, examine your motives honestly to see if your main difficulty is not that you are afraid and ashamed of Christ.

Jesus said in Luke 9:26, "For whosoever shall be ashamed of Me and My words, of him shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he shall come in his own glory . . ." Paul said in Romans 1:16, "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ; for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth."

We can only persuade men to surrender themselves to Christ as we ourselves are persuaded concerning the urgent, pressing, and burning necessity of the work. We must really know that men without Christ, are lost, and in need of a witness.

PRAYER

Let us take as our daily prayer, the theme chorus for "Operation T. F. C."

"Lead me to some soul today,
 O teach me, Lord, just what to say;
 Friends of mine are lost in sin
 And cannot find their way;
 Few there are who seem to care,
 And few there are who pray;
 Melt my heart and fill my life,
 Give me one soul today. Amen."

How to Have a Youth Revival

Operation TFC is "Every Christian's Job" to acquaint our young people with a working plan for personal evangelism

By Rev. Lawrence Bienert, General Secretary of the Commissioned Baptist Youth Fellowship.

THE FIELDS are white unto harvest, but the laborers are few." Perhaps it has always been true that there have not been enough workers to do the work effectively that needs to be done. But it is also true that there are many workers who are glad to serve if called upon to do so.

There are hundreds of young people in our Youth Fellowships who are willing to undertake the task of evangelism if someone will show them how. Therefore, in launching Operation TFC, we have suggested a two week study period on "Every Christian's Job" to acquaint our young people with a working plan for personal evangelism.

CHRIST'S COMMISSION

The average person is not interested in going to church. That is why we have been commissioned to go out and bring them in. The Lord Jesus went to those places where sinners were. In fact he sought them. In following his footsteps, we too must make the personal contact if we are to win them for Christ. When Christ looked upon the multitudes and saw them as sheep scattered abroad without a shepherd, he saw a lost and dying world and challenged us to pray that laborers would be sent forth.

Following the study course, which is to be conducted from September 8 to 17, we are suggesting that Thursday and Friday evenings (September 19 and 20) be set aside for visitation evangelism. Not only are the members of our CBY Fellowship challenged to go out to present Christ to their friends and neighbors, but also to invite them to a special Youth Revival on Saturday night and Sunday (September 21 and 22).

This Youth Revival may be conducted by your local church to which young people of your community are invited. If there is more than one church of our fellowship in your area, then it would be well to combine the efforts of those churches for this one concentrated effort to reach young people for Christ.

PRAY AND PROMOTE

The success of the Youth Revival in your church will depend largely upon the preparation that has been made. There must be prayer, advertising

A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Seven days without prayer makes one weak.

Y.M.C.A. News

and organization. A personal contact must be made with everyone within reach of these meetings. Each city, large or small, could be laid out in sections, and each section should be covered block by block and house by house. Attractive advertising regarding the campaign should be left with those contacted as well as a verbal invitation.

Emphasize the fact that these Saturday night and Sunday services are conducted by young people especially for young people. Older adults, of course, are welcome and should be encouraged to attend. It is important that each one who has invited friends come early to each meeting so that all visitors can be greeted personally.

Special attention must also be given to the program itself. A speaker should be engaged who loves and understands young people, one who is concerned about their relationship to God. This messenger may be your own pastor, neighboring pastor, or some other visiting speaker. Provide the best you can in the line of music.



Rev. L. Bienert, general secretary of the Commissioned Baptist Youth Fellowship (CBYF).

Use your young people in singing solos, duets, trios, quartets or in presenting instrumental selections.

Your song leader should have ability in leading a group of people in some enthusiastic and uplifting singing. It would be well for him and the pianist if they have worked together before as a musical team.

A number of young people should be prepared to give testimonies which are short and to the point. Testimonies by young people who are star athletes or otherwise prominent will be especially impressive. All testimony, of course, should be backed up by a life which is pleasing to God.

Counselors should be trained and prepared to deal with those who make any type of decision for Christ, whether it is for salvation or consecration. A special appeal could be made for young people to dedicate themselves to become soul winners.

CONDITIONS FOR A REVIVAL

There are certain conditions which must be met if we are going to have a real revival. God has given us a promise in II Chronicles 7:14. It reads as follows: "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin . . ."

A revival always begins with God's people. God says, "If my people." If we are to have a revival it must begin in the individual; it must begin in the church. We must also show a spirit of humility in our daily lives. The words of the Lord as recorded in Zechariah 4:6 should call to our mind that we rely on him for all blessings. "Not by might, nor by power, but my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts."

POWER IN PRAYER

The next requirement is that we pray earnestly for a revival. Our prayers should not be limited to the Wednesday evening prayer meeting. We should pray daily for the Youth Revival. There is power in real prayer. As we seek the face of God and delight ourselves in him, we will also see the necessity of turning from our wicked way.

If we meet these conditions set down in God's Word, we will have a blessed Youth Revival.

Operation TFC in Action!

By Mr. Herman Balka of Dallas, Texas, President of the Commissioned Baptist Youth Fellowship

YOU READ THIS, it is D minus 17! Just seventeen short days until the moving out phase of "Operation TFC," the CBYF's 1,000 Soul Personal Soul Winning Crusade, on Sunday, Sept. 8.

At that time, young people in Manitoba, California, New Jersey, South Dakota, Louisiana, and many other of the 48 states and provinces of Canada will undergo a rigid two-week training period, after which they will move out two by two into the homes, the offices, and the factories led by the greatest of all Generals, the Lord Jesus Christ himself!

They will carry with them, and effectively wield, the Sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God. Their objective will be to reach and win those who are lost, many of whom for years have sat under the long range guns of the pulpit without ever making a decision for Christ. These will now be engaged on a hand to hand, personal basis and the claims of Christ pressed home upon them.

God's Holy Spirit will lead the way, and by God's grace and through his power, by July 1, 1958 over 1,000 souls will surrender to Jesus Christ.

TWO-FOLD PURPOSE

The PURPOSES of Operation TFC are two-fold.

The primary purpose is to reach the lost for Christ. It is a tragic fact that every second, somewhere in the world, four people pass out into a Christless eternity. Jesus has said, "Ye shall be witnesses to me," and yet 1,900 years after he spoke these words, only two per cent of the earth's population has really been born again. The need for faithful witnesses is overwhelming.

The second purpose of Operation TFC is to train and encourage our young people in this highest of all callings—personal soul winning.

Dr. Charles Goodell said: "It is a great hour when a surgeon holds a scalpel, at the end of which is life or death for the patient. It is a greater hour when a lawyer faces a jury, with the conviction that if he makes a mistake, an innocent man will hang and a family be disgraced forever. But the greatest hour any human being ever faces is the hour when he stands before a man hastening to his condemnation and is commissioned to offer him a pardon that will last for the eternities."

IMPORTANT TECHNIQUE

The TECHNIQUE of Operation TFC is the technique instituted by Jesus himself in Luke 10 when he chose the seventy, trained them, and then sent them out to witness. We read in

Luke 10:1, "After these things the Lord appointed other seventy also, and sent them out two by two before his face into every city and place whither he himself would come." And what was the outcome of that First Century Crusade to reach others? We read in Luke 10:17, "And the seventy returned with JOY saying, Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through thy name." But perhaps the question will be raised, "Will this First Century evangelism really work in the 20th Century?" I would like to answer that question by telling you a true story that happened in the Cameroons recently.

When Kenneth and June Goodman returned to Africa from their last furlough, they were sent to a new field in Adamawa Province. Upon arriving, they were told by the Mohammedan government that they could do missionary work in Adamawa, but that they must comply with a list of government rules. The list stated that there could be no house to house visitation. There could be no preaching in the market. There could be no Christian literature distributed. There could be no public worship services. In short, they were stripped of the right to do any of the duties that missionaries are normally expected to do. Not knowing their next step, they wrote the field superintendent and prayed.

They were led of the Lord to start a Bible class on their veranda, thinking that since they were unable to carry the Gospel to the people, they would have the people come to them. At that time, there were ten African churches in the area accepting support from our Mission.

As the people came to these study sessions, a Bible reading program and Scripture memory course were adopted. As the Word of God found entrance in their hearts, the African church began to reach out. By the end of 1954 all of the churches had become self-supporting. A course in personal evangelism was taught, and in the first four weeks there were 1,500 recorded decisions for Christ. Later, at one church, the people went forth with the Word of God in their hearts and there were 800 decisions in 14 days! It is not beyond the power of God to duplicate these statistics in America. God can only be limited by our willingness to be used.

CRUSADE DUTIES

I would like briefly to outline the duties of those participating in the Crusade.

If you are a PASTOR, your duties are as follows:

1. Find out the number who will be participating from your local CBYF

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— Photo by Rubin Herrmann
Every Christian has been commissioned of Christ to go and bring forth fruit, as these young people of Tripp and Parkston, S. Dak., learned at their youth camp.



The election symbols of "the Democrats" in Southern Cameroons, Africa, portraying the umbrella and calabash as local symbols of peace.

Democracy in Black!

Christian concern over some of the first elections in the Southern Cameroons, Africa

By DR. PAUL GEBAUER,
Superintendent of the Cameroons Baptist Mission

CONSIDER that probably about 85 per cent of the entire population of your mission fields in the British Cameroons can be termed illiterate. Consider that it is the desire of the chairborn planners in the United Nations Organization that our Cameroonians must enjoy the blessings and blastings of democracy at the earliest possible date. Consider that the British Trusteeship administration is in earnest about its offer of self-government in 1960.

Consider, also, that our Cameroonians themselves are drifting mid-stream in the present global rush and dash for freedom at any price, for self-government at all cost, for universal education at some cost, and for "power" in all forms and all fields now or never.

GROWTH OF IDEAS

Thanks to these plans and dreams, we have now with us all of the outward trimmings of western democracy in a very African settlement. We have our own House of the Assembly with the elected and honorable members. We have political parties; first one, and now six or seven, more or less. We have the politician among us; and we have the ward heelers, the speeches, the political press, Jesuitic statecraft, and our first political murder case, to bring our little corner of God's earth up to the Chicago level.

These things, although passing, are

inevitable. They become the things to be expected where, just 100 years ago, Baptist Missionary Alfred Saker from England landed in Africa to preach the value of the individual, the sacredness of personality, and individual responsibility before God and man. He translated the whole Bible into Duala to make certain that the background material for his witness would be on record after his departure.

Ideas marched and grew. Schools trickled in. Books spread. Two World Wars took Cameroonians into the darkness of the outer world. The Atlantic Charter became a manifesto for the literate and the enlightened. Press, radio, film, lectures and organization from abroad gave the needed impetus. Strange to say, Saker's Baptist colleagues of today have kept largely out of these happenings. For this neglect we paid in the last election.

The most loyal Baptist areas voted, almost solidly for some very doubtful platforms, to say the least. A member of our oldest Baptist church has been sent to the present London Conference by a party outlawed in the French Cameroons and branded as Communist-inspired in a recent public announcement in a U. N. O. session. How is this possible?

In reply, let us ask at first: How do they vote out here? With about 85 per cent unable to read or write any language, this is an interesting question. Mrs. George A. Dunger, back in

1938 in Mbem, had the answer in reply to a parallel, though miniature, situation by saying: "Draw a picture!"

A simple symbolism was developed for our last election. The leading party with hut and banana stalk underlined its promise of home prosperity and home security. The official opposition adopted the cock. The so-called Democrats portrayed umbrella and calabash, the local symbol of peace, to picture the promise of protection of natural rulers, natural law and custom. Independent candidates got the symbol of the machete plastered on their ballot boxes. The tortoise, land-crab, and lizard were also drafted into this struggle for democratic procedure.

We had election areas, election officers, ballots, boxes, the secret chamber, appointed witnesses, police protection, European control of all counts. Only the British could and did go into the last, lost details to insure fair play.

ELECTION RESULTS

How did the election go? In the little area under my care about 80 per cent of all listed voters were at the given spot by 9:00 A. M. I was almost the last to arrive! By noon all listed voters had voted, save the ones who had died between listing and voting, except for the ones in hospital or prisons. And for these natural exceptions, their relatives showed up

with registration slips to vote for absentees, if they could have done so. This record in this one spot should be studied by our American politicians!

To be truthful, confusion about the election boxes could not be avoided. Quite often an old man would stumble out of the booth to beg the policeman or writer to help him put the ballot where it belonged. We could not help, but we could explain again and again. Many ballots landed in the wrong box. A delegation appeared at 1:00 P. M. to confess that their 20 ballots had gotten into the wrong box because they had had a hard time distinguishing between banana stalk and umbrella. Then there were other accidents. But all in all, the local man got the heavy majority vote of his friends.

CHRISTIAN CONCERN

The overall results ran contrary to all forecasts. The leading party had lost heavily. Unexpected but well-trained and well-directed propaganda from unexpected sources gained plenty. The children of the darkness were found to be more clever than the children of light.

We, your missionaries, have learned from this experience; not all, but some of us. Since then, we have called into an informal retreat all of our young pastors to sift informally the evidences of our ignorance and of our blunders and our neglect. But should Christians be concerned about politics? Should they?

Read again Romans 13. Read it as found in J. B. Phillips "Letters to Young Churches." Our pastors in the Cameroons read it together. It enlightened them!

ROMANS 13:1-7

J. B. PHILLIPS TRANSLATION

Every Christian ought to obey the civil authorities, for all legitimate authority is derived from God's Authority, and the existing authority is appointed under God. To oppose authority then is to oppose God, and such opposition is bound to be punished.

The honest citizen has no need to fear the keepers of law and order, but the dishonest man will always be nervous of them. If you want to avoid this anxiety just lead a law-abiding life, and all that can come your way is a word of approval. The officer is God's servant for your protection. The "power of the law" which is vested in every legitimate officer, is no empty phrase. He is, in fact, divinely appointed to inflict God's punishment upon evil-doers.

As a Missionary Sees It!

By Miss Esther Schultz, Cameroons Missionary, Just Before Returning to the Field in Africa

IS IT NOT STRANGE THAT, when we are children, time does not pass quickly enough? When we are older the time flies so fast that we wonder where it has gone. That is the way I have felt about this year in America.

My impressions on my furlough leave were somewhat different from those of the former one. I was impressed and amazed at the tremendous amount of money being spent in remodeling our churches, and also at the great building programs in new church homes. However, I was just a bit lonesome for the small bush church with the grass roof, mud floors, and roughly hewn trees made into seats. God's House can be very plain and simple and he can be very near!

SEMINARY EXPERIENCES

However, some of my most treasured hours have been in church listening to a wonderful choir pouring out its praise of our heavenly Father and to sermons which gave me nourishment for my starved soul's need. Then the wonderful Christian fellowship with people of like minds and hearts was a blessing to me. God does give such a wonderful bond of love to his children. This transcends all man's petty differences. "What is man that thou art mindful of him?" We should indeed feel humble, yet rejoice in such a Father.

From January through the early part of May I spent some time at the Seminary in Sioux Falls, S. Dak. One of the courses which challenged me the most was "Modern Mission Methods" by Dr. George A. Dunger. I think it would help all of us to take time to think of missions in a very realistic way. If churches could review such books as Lindsell's "Missionary Methods and Practices," they would be better able to understand the problems and conditions which must be met by our Mission Committee. We could all pray more intelligently for our leaders.

It was a joy to see our future pastors. Even learning to share the problems of students of this day was worth part of the experiences. To me the most interesting part of the Seminary life was the time for chapel services. The young men preparing to leave the

You should, therefore, obey the authorities, not simply because it is the safest, but because it is the right thing to do. It is right, too, for you to pay taxes for the civil authorities

institution were well aware of the important work they have undertaken.

While in South Dakota, Miss Tina Schmidt and I had a very unique experience in that we did a month's promotion work in the interest of our Japanese mission. It was challenging to us and gave us the opportunity of visiting our churches.

VISITING OUR CHURCHES

Our church family has a way of treating us like their own children and members of their homes, and so we had the opportunity to see how our people live, work and play. I treasure a morning set aside to see Estes Park in Colorado. How refreshing those hours spent in the great outdoors were after days in trains and buses.

In one church I had the pleasure of making a sick call to a woman who knew her Lord. She was serene in the knowledge that "He knows and cares." She was barely able even to turn her head. We are able to move and to enjoy our health, and yet we complain about having "so much to do."

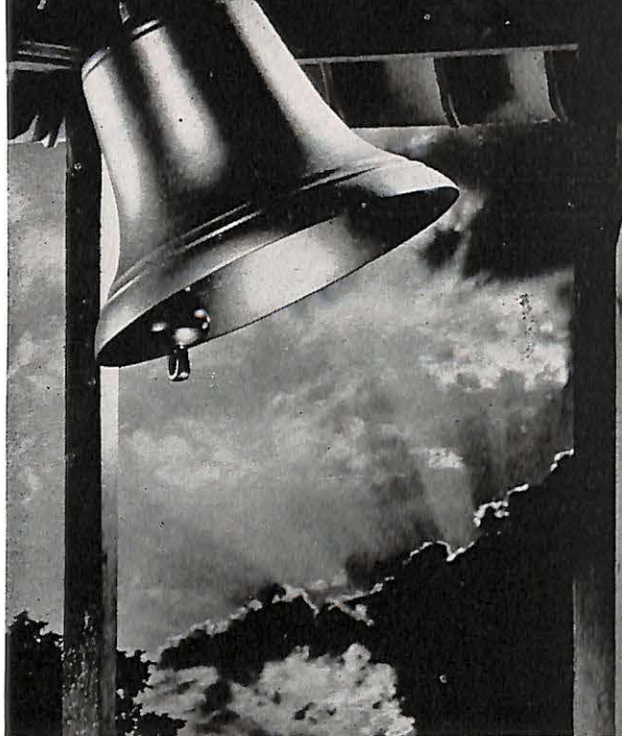
Our conferences can be very challenging to us. I often wish all missionaries could take turns attending our General Conference, because all who attend come back so refreshed and thrilled with the loyalty of our people, the awareness they have of the importance of "redeeming God's time" on our mission fields.

Some areas of our work made my heart sad; but perhaps I do not have the entire picture. I was surprised how few of our young people know our Baptist doctrines and are marrying outside our church family. Our people could be far better informed about our work as a denomination.

On the whole I thrill at the interest and faithfulness of our women in their White Cross work, at the insight which many have in the work and needs, at the preparation of the pastors for our coming and the willingness of people to learn of our work.

I believe that as a denomination we have a unique position, a very unique purpose in God's plan which no other people can do. I hope we never lose sight of it. God bless and keep you!

are appointed by God for the good purposes of public order and well-being. Give everyone his legitimate due, whether it be rates, or taxes, or reverence, or respect!



The Baptist Jubilee Advance is a united attempt to quicken within professed believers in Christ a sense of responsibility for carrying out with zeal all phases of the Great Commission of Christ.

Baptist Jubilee Advance



Every Baptist on the North American Continent (18 Million of Them) Witnessing and Working Together for Christ



By Baptist Jubilee Advance Committee

THE BAPTIST Jubilee Advance is a movement in which the major Baptist fellowships of North America are cooperating to reach all the people with the full force of their Christian witness.

A germinating idea was expounded at the 1947 Congress of the Baptist World Alliance in Copenhagen, Denmark, when Dr. C. Oscar Johnson of St. Louis and other Baptist leaders of America expressed the hope that all Baptists might work more closely together to achieve the goals they held in common.

Baptist leaders of North America, meeting in Louisville, Kentucky, in September 1954, furthered the Advance movement when they proposed a concerted effort by Baptists to witness to America.

BAPTIST JUBILEE

In Miami, 1955, messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention voted "to confer with representatives of other Baptist Conventions in North America, looking toward a five-year program of advance which will culminate in 1964, the date of the 150th anniversary of the organization of Baptist work on a national level in the United States and North America."

Dr. Casper C. Warren, the newly elected president of the Southern Baptist Convention, went from Miami to Atlantic City, as a fraternal delegate to the American Baptist Convention. There he invited American Baptists to join in this great evangelistic effort. They voted "that we heartily welcome the proposal of the Southern Baptist Convention and request that the Department of Evangelism of the

Home Mission Society consider the implementation of American Baptist Convention participation in the Evangelistic Crusade and urge that the long-range objectives leading to the Sesquicentennial be referred with our cordial endorsement to the appropriate committee in the General Council for further development."

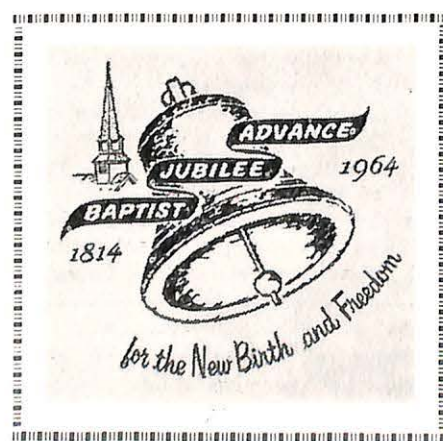
The National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc., endorsed the movement at its annual meeting in September 1955. The Baptist Federation of Canada has expressed the desire to participate. So also have leaders of the North American Baptist General Conference, the Baptist General Conference of America, and the National Baptist Convention of America.

PURPOSE OF THE ADVANCE

The purpose of the Baptist Jubilee Advance has been stated succinctly:

- To Work Cooperatively;
- To Witness Effectively;
- To Celebrate Worthily.

Another statement of purpose reads:



1. It is an attempt to quicken, within professed believers in Christ, a sense of responsibility for carrying out with zeal all phases of the Great Commission.

2. It is an attempt, on the part of Baptists in the United States and Canada, to "see together" the gigantic task before us. It is not, however, either a movement toward organic union or a program to emphasize, rehearse, or even consider past or present differences.

3. It is a program focusing the efforts of Baptists on common goals and objectives which each participating body can achieve within the framework of its own organization. It is not a stereotyped program to be handed down by a central committee to the participating bodies.

YEARS OF JUBILEE

4. It is an effort to bring about, in the Third Jubilee year of 1964, the greatest achievements of any single year in Baptist history; to give the world a dramatic presentation of what Baptists stand for and what they have done; and to gain a mighty impetus for even greater achievements for God's glory in the years ahead.

Although the extensive work of preparation is already well under way and will engage an increasing number of leaders in the years 1957-1958, the Baptist Jubilee Advance begins its concerted action in 1959, with the emphasis upon evangelism through cooperative witness. It will continue through the spring of 1964, when it is expected that Baptists of North America will come together in a great meeting to celebrate 150 years of organized missionary work.

FIVE IMPORTANT EMPHASES

Leaders of the participating groups in a cooperative committee have developed and suggested these five annual emphases to guide the work of the Baptist Jubilee Advance:

- 1959—Evangelism through cooperative witness
- 1960—Evangelism through Bible teaching and training
- 1961—Evangelism through stewardship and enlistment
- 1962—Evangelism through church extension
- 1963—Evangelism through world missions
- 1964—THIRD JUBILEE CELEBRATION.

The year 1964 will be highlighted by the joint celebration of the Third Jubilee (150th anniversary) of the formation of the first national organization of Baptists in America—The General Missionary Convention of the Baptist Denomination in the United States for Foreign Missions. This organization was founded in Philadelphia in 1814 and became known as the Triennial Convention. Luther Rice was one of the leading figures in its establishment.

Through the joint committee every opportunity for collaboration and united effort will be explored and promoted—especially in the area of public relations and publicity. But each group will be challenged in resourcefulness and zeal, to the end that by the simultaneous efforts of the continent's largest Baptist bodies many millions of the world's people shall receive the call to New Birth and Freedom.

"PEOPLE CALLED BAPTISTS"

The Baptist Jubilee Advance will be, it is hoped, within every Baptist church in North America—working out into the community. Indeed, it is clear that it must be in every Baptist heart if a significant advance is to be made for the cause of Jesus Christ.

The Baptist Jubilee Advance is people . . . "the people called Baptists"—18 million of them in the United States and Canada, and extending even to their world mission fields.

It is every Baptist church working with all the other Baptist churches.

It is every member of the fine committees already at work and yet to be appointed; but it is also the "committee of the whole"—every minister, church official, member, worker, teacher, and every Sunday school pupil.

More particularly, it is YOU!



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Our Share in the Advance

Statement for the North American Baptist General Conference by Mr. Walter W. Grosser, Moderator

TO PARTICIPATE in a practical ecumenical project, such as the Baptist Jubilee Advance, is a privilege for the North American Baptist General Conference. We are one of the smaller groups cooperating with larger Baptist bodies in this five year program of working together to make every Baptist a witness.

It is inspiring to know that, while we promote the proposed annual project within our own denominational framework, there will be millions of other Baptists similarly engaged,

thereby making us real partners in presenting to the world a united Baptist front in proclaiming Jesus Christ. Our constituents will be inspired and thrilled by the program, as it develops, and as it is recognized by others as the first real step toward Baptist solidarity.

It is our hope and prayer that many of us will be present to celebrate, in 1964, the third Baptist Jubilee meeting. It could be the largest gathering of Baptists in history.

OPERATION TFC

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and order the materials to be used. Order the study course, "Every Christian's Job" from Roger Williams Press, and the Soul Winner's Packets from headquarters in Forest Park, Ill.

2. Prayerfully prepare and teach the study course, "Every Christian's Job," to train those participating in Operation TFC how to lead a soul to Jesus Christ.

3. Work closely with the Youth Revival Planning Committee.

4. Continually keep Operation TFC before your congregation, reminding them to hold it up in prayer daily.

If you are a CBYF PRESIDENT, your duties are as follows:

1. Present Operation TFC to your local CBYF and get them prayerfully to consider becoming a part of it.

2. Fill out the enlistment blank in the Soul Winner's Packet and send it to headquarters.

3. Organize and serve as chairman of the committee to plan the weekend Youth Revival.

4. Keep the records and send in a report of the number won after the Youth Revival and a quarterly report thereafter.

If you are a CBYF MEMBER, your

duties are as follows:

1. Have a daily quiet time to prepare yourself for Operation TFC. Daily ask God to give you a compassion for the lost.

2. Faithfully attend and participate in the study course, "Every Christian's Job," when it is given at your church.

3. Commit the eight verses in the "Plan of Salvation" packet to memory, also the seventeen verses giving God's answer to man's excuses. When God's Word gets into a person's heart, it has a cleansing effect and must come out. We read in Jeremiah 20:9b, "But his Word was in my heart as a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I was weary with forbearing, and I could not stay."

4. Read the CBYF Soulwinner's Handbook to learn some of the practical approaches to soul winning.

5. Ask the Lord to give you the courage to be faithful and use every opportunity to tell others of his saving power.

So there you have it, Operation TFC — its purposes and technique. May God give each one of us the courage to rise to meet the challenge! And remember, God can only be limited by YOUR, (AND MY) willingness to be used!

An Instrument of God

Observations of Billy Graham and the Crusade Meetings by Rev. Roger Schmidt of Jamesburg, New Jersey

BILLY GRAHAM has said repeatedly that the New York Crusade has been "God's doing, not Billy Graham's." He is not putting on false humility; he is only relating fact.

As I have personally observed several of the Crusade meetings, this is what has impressed me most. Billy is an instrument of God, sometimes not even as eloquent as many others, but always an instrument of God. The invitation he gives is as simple and unemotional as is possible. Sometimes it seems as if it were not persuasive enough.

Still, the people come forward! From the topmost balconies, from the lower ground floor—from all over, they come. The only explanation is that God is working in the hearts of

men. The Spirit still convicts! God's Word is still sharper than a two-edged sword.

It is evident that many people outside of New York City have been attending the services. We are approximately 40 miles from New York. One night, when a busload from our church attended, I knew of two other busloads from our immediate area. However, when the choir began to sing that great invitation hymn, "Just As I Am," it mattered not to me from whence they came. To God it mattered even less. Praise be to God that hundreds have been reconciled to him!

The Crusade meetings have taught me a special lesson too. I had increasingly felt as time went on that the monotonous repetition of certain

songs was a great detriment to the Crusade. How easy it is to criticize. Yet to my great surprise, I watched the look of joy and rapture on the faces of the crowd as time and again the same songs were repeated. I knew then that what touched men most was the simple Gospel in word and song. When it was sung from the heart, with none of the personality and vocal technique in the way, be it sung once or a hundred times, it went straight to the heart!

New York City will never be the same again! This is true, not because Billy Graham came, but because the Lord came and made himself known to thousands. The Lord now leaves it to these to continue where Billy leaves off. They must continue to be instruments of God wherever they go that God may work as surely through them as he has through Billy Graham. This has been God's way through the ages!

not repented.

Yes, thousands have attended the meetings every night, and occasionally you hear someone talk about Billy Graham on the street corner, and the advertising campaign is such that most of the people have heard the name of Billy Graham, but—thus far there has been no revival. The city is just as sinful and unmindful as it was before the meetings. Oh, Lord, wilt thou not "revive thy work in the midst of years?"

Billy Graham in New York

By George Burnham, News Editor of "Christianity Today"

I HAD ALMOST forgotten what it was like to walk on the grass, see a tree, and view all the other fresh wonders of nature provided for us by God.

Billy Graham was doing the talking. He had just finished playing nine holes of golf, after going for two months without a break in the New York Crusade.

He had shot an unrespectable 50 for the nine holes, but that was beside the point. It was great to get out in the uncrowded world again after being pushed along by throngs in the concrete jungle of New York City. Once, after clipping branches off half the trees on a golf course with wild drives, he remarked, "God answers my prayers everywhere except on a golf course." But he said it with a grin, knowing that God had more important things to do.

The 6 feet 2 inch evangelist has lost 12 of the 184 pounds with which he started the New York Crusade. Crowded daily schedules are becoming more of a physical problem, as well as mental, but he was in superb condi-

tion when he began the campaign. He had spent several weeks beforehand in tramping the mountain trails around his home in Montreat, N. C., and resting under the trees as he studied the Bible and prayed.

"I came to New York prepared to give everything I had for God," he said. "I came prepared to be crucified, by my critics, if that was necessary. This Crusade is too important to give less than all."

Graham has appeared on a number of television programs since his arrival, but he hasn't turned on his set to view a single program, not even the telecast "Impact" put on by members of his own team five nights a week at 11:30 o'clock. He has eaten, slept and breathed the part he is playing in the biggest evangelistic campaign ever held.

"New York may never have another chance like this," he said. "May God have mercy on us if we miss it."

In answer to some questions, Graham gave the following answers:

CRUSADE FINANCES—"I am not worried that all bills will be paid

when the budget (\$1 Million-plus) is completed after the final meeting. When God gives us a big job like this to do, he provides the finances." Graham is not accepting any pay from the New York budget.

TELEVISION—"We will utilize television more and more in the months ahead in an effort to reach as many people as possible. It is now possible for us to reach as many people in one service as existed, probably, in the days of Paul. Such opportunities carry tremendous responsibilities."

FUTURE PLANS—"We plan to spend next January and February holding meetings in principal cities of the Caribbean area. In the spring we will hold a Crusade at the Cow Palace in San Francisco and that fall we will be in Charlotte, North Carolina. Plans are now being studied for Crusades during 1959 in Birmingham, England, and Australia. Also, I would like to spend several months in Africa."

A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Faith is to believe, on the Word of God, what we do not see, and its reward is to see and enjoy what we believe.

—Augustine

ENGAGEMENTS

Dr. Frank H. Woyke

August 26-30—Baptist World Alliance executive committee session, McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario.

Dr. Martin L. Leuschner

August 25 (Sunday)—Immanuel Church, Milwaukee, Wis.

August 31-Sept. 1—German Youth Rally, Zion Church, Milwaukee, Wis.

Rev. R. Schilke

August 25 (Sunday A. M.)—St. Catherines, Ontario.

August 25 (Sunday P. M.)—Kitchener, Ontario.

August 27—Baptist World Alliance Commission on World Mission, Hamilton, Ont.

September 1—Parkersburg, Iowa.

Rev. J. C. Gunst

Aug. 27-Sept. 2—Atlantic Conference Youth Camp at Camp Greenkill, New York.

CONFERENCES AND CAMPS

August 22-25—EASTERN CONFERENCE at Central Church, Erie, Pa., Professor Roy Seibel, Rev. G. K. Zimmerman and Mrs. Harm Sherman, Guests.

August 24-28—CENTRAL CONFERENCE YOUNG PEOPLE'S CAMP at Oakwood Park, Syracuse, Indiana. Miss Florence Miller and Prof. Roy



"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord" (Colossians 3:16).

Forgive Us Our Sings!

By Dr. H. von Berge, Dayton, Ohio

HERE is a true story which recently recurred to my mind. A certain woman, now married and living far away from here, came to Dayton, Ohio, to visit our local Lorenz Publishing Company. She also stopped off at our house. Years ago she was my secretary at the Lorenz Company, while I was Literary Editor there.

One day, when I stepped into her room, I found her busy at her typewriter. All of a sudden, she stopped and laughed and laughed and laughed. I said: "What's the matter, Vi?" Laughingly, she then told me that a "g" had slipped in when she had tried to type: Forgive us our sins. And that error had then made it: Forgive us our sings.

I thanked her very much for having made that mistake, for that had suggested an important editorial for me to write, which I did.

It naturally reminded me of Christ's quotation as reported in Mark 7:6, "This people honoreth me with their lips, but their heart is far from me". Is that not also one of the

dangers of being hypocrites, which we are facing in our day. For if we do our singing as soloists or choir members or also as congregations only with our lips while our hearts are not in it, we are hypocrites. In order not to be that, we must make it our earnest prayer indeed: Forgive us our hypocritical sings, and help us to sing with all our heart!

Oh, what a difference it makes when our hearts are really in it! Then our singing becomes one of the most important parts of our worship services, often far more impressive and with greater blessing than the preaching we hear.

The great Apostle Paul recognized that truth as shown in his letter to the Colossians (3:16): "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord." Yes, may the dear Lord help us and teach us to sing unto him with all our hearts!

W. Seibel, Guests.

August 24-31—OREGON BAPTIST LEAGUE SENIOR CAMP at Falls City, Oregon. Dr. and Mrs. Paul Gebauer, Rev. Edward Link, Guests.

August 26-Sept. 1—PACIFIC NORTHWEST YOUNG PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY at Loon Lake, Washington. Mrs. Kenneth Goodman and Dr.

Ralph E. Powell, Guests.

August 28-Sept. 1—SOUTHWESTERN CONFERENCE at Ellinwood, Kansas. Dr. George A. Dunger, Rev. Kenneth Goodman and Mrs. Frank Veninga, Guest Speakers.

August 31-Sept. 1—BADLANDS RALLY—Professor Roy Seibel, Guest Speaker.

Sunday School Lessons

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: September 1, 1957

Theme: **JOSIAH: STATESMEN-REFORMER**

Scripture: II Kings 22:1,2; 23:1-5, 25

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: When a person finds the Word of God, the Lord changes him and uses him to change a whole nation.

INTRODUCTION: The temple rebuilding turned out far more wonderful than Josiah had anticipated. His feeble efforts were rewarded by God's greater blessing. Josiah's purpose was to rebuild the temple, but God's purpose was to rebuild the nation. The damage to the house of God was inconsequential compared with the damage to the souls of men who lived in darkness and in the shadow of death. Here we see a great spiritual calamity in the lives of the Israelites who forsook God and reverted to idol worship and heathen practices. It is a never-ending wonder of how a people can forget God so quickly and remember sin so easily.

In connection with this lesson, it is also well for us to remember that in our tremendous church building programs, it is futile to be so concerned about the new structure of the church if we neglect to plan a program for the saving and rebuilding of the sinners and saints who worship there.

I. "LET NO MAN DESPISE THY YOUTH." (I Tim. 4:12) II Kings 22:1,2.

Old age is not necessarily a sign of wisdom; neither is youth a symbol of ignorance. "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom" (Ps. 111:10), and to Josiah's credit it must be said that he began right and he began early.

II. "THE BIBLE SAYS" (Billy Graham). II Kings 23:1,2.

Josiah reigned for a number of years with the best of his knowledge and ability. But he felt there was something lacking. His authority, his reforms and his administration lacked the power to bring about a real change in the hearts of the people of the nation. It was not until he read all the words of the book of the covenant which was found in the house of the Lord that power went forth and brought a whole nation to repentance.

III. "THE HOUR OF DECISION" (Billy Graham). II Kings 23:3.

The men on Mars' Hill (Acts 17:32) as well as Felix (Acts 24:25) postponed the hour of decision. There is reasonable doubt that the opportunity never again presented itself. Josiah and his people made their decision to perform the words of the book and to stand by their covenant. The acceptable time is always the present time.

IV. JESUS WENT INTO THE TEMPLE AND BEGAN TO CAST OUT . . ." (Mk. 11:15), II Kings 23:4,5.

God will share his whole Kingdom with anyone who comes to him. But he will not share his throne. And whether it is Baal or business or modern secularism, they must be cast out before God will come in.

V. "THE GREAT EMANCIPATOR." II Kings 23:25.

Whether it is Josiah in Judah or Lincoln in America, they are but instruments in the hands of God to bring about some form of emancipation. It is Jesus Christ, however, who can truly say, "If the Son shall make you free ye shall be free indeed" (John 8:36). He is our great and eternal Emancipator.

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: September 8, 1957

Theme: **BARUCH, FAITHFUL SECRETARY**

Scripture: Jeremiah 36:4-8, 22-26, 32.

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: "Others may have a greater work; but you have your part to do, and no one in all God's heritage can do it so well as you."

INTRODUCTION: Many Christians waste time in some form of spiritual day-dreaming. They imagine how wonderful it would be if they had some outstanding talent, or if they could perform a great and courageous feat. These things may seem important in our own eyes and even in the eyes of the world, but certainly never in the eyes of God. He sees only what is done for his glory; never what is done for self-glory. He cannot reward you if you reward yourself.

EDITOR OF LESSONS

The editor of this Sunday School page is Rev. Bruno Schreiber at Oak Park, Illinois, a deacon and Sunday School teacher in the Forest Park Baptist Church.

The simple theme of this lesson is "Baruch, faithful secretary." Herein lies the secret of power and service—faithfulness. Therefore, the theme in your life need only be entitled: Thomas: faithful farmer; Richard, faithful carpenter; Harry, faithful teacher; Mary, faithful housewife. The distinctive requirement in a steward is that a man be found faithful (1 Cor. 4:2). There is nothing unimportant or inconsequential in the service of God if every Christian performs his task faithfully. The pastor as well as the sexton have a part in the Kingdom.

I. A FAITHFUL SECRETARY. Jer. 36:4-8.

It is not easy to be faithful in a little thing when we are overshadowed by men whose faithfulness is known throughout the nation. Baruch was a contemporary of Josiah, a great and faithful king, and Jeremiah, a great and faithful prophet. Living in the time of these famous men, Baruch never thought that he would make a spiritual contribution to religion that would have a lasting value. He was merely a little hill between two towering mountains. Baruch's faithfulness lay in the fact that he never aspired to be anything else but what he was—a secretary. He was appointed to a humble task, and he did not resign when difficulties and dangers threatened his very life. The great words of God which were spoken through Jeremiah would have been lost if it had not been for Baruch's faithfulness to his task.

II. AN UNFAITHFUL KING. Jer. 36:22-26.

What a difference between the faithfulness of Josiah and the unfaithfulness of Jehoiakim. No wonder Jeremiah lamented for this great and promising king. (II Chronicles 35:25). Such a calamity must have added much to the weeping and lamenting of this sensitive prophet.

David, Josiah and others rent their clothes and humbly repented in sackcloth and ashes when they heard the Word of the Lord. Jehoiakim, on the other hand, held God's Word in disdain and even attempted to destroy it. In the process, he destroyed himself and paved the way for the destruction of the nation. Unfaithfulness in our vocation brings ruin, not only to ourselves, but it destroys the faith of all those who look upon us for strength and guidance.

III. A FAITHFUL PROPHET. Jer. 36:32.

God's Word did not disappear with the burning of the book. "Truth

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What's Happening

● The offering of \$18.05 received during the Vacation Bible School conducted at Bad Aibling Kaserne, Germany, from June 17 to 29 has been received at the Forest Park Headquarters to assist in the building of the Bansa Baptist Hospital Annex in the Cameroons, Africa. This Vacation School was conducted by Chaplain Frederick H. Hoffmann, who was formerly a member of the West Ebenezer Church of Saskatchewan, Canada. He is stationed at Bad Aibling, Germany, as a United States Army Chaplain.

● The First Baptist Church of Leduc, Alberta, has extended a call to Rev. Fred J. Knalson of Marion, Kansas, to which he has responded favorably. He resigned as pastor of the Emmanuel Church of Marion on Sunday, July 21, and announced that he would begin his ministry in the Leduc church on Sept. 1st, where he will succeed Rev. J. C. Kraenzler, now of Sumner, Iowa. Mr. Knalson has served the Marion church since 1954.

● On Wednesday afternoon, July 17, over the nationally televised broadcast of the program, "Bride and Groom," Rev. Peter Pfeiffer of Union Grove, Wisconsin, officiated at the wedding of his daughter, Natalie Ann, to Peter J. Cottingham. The wedding ceremony was witnessed by millions of people over television. Mr. Pfeiffer was formerly pastor of the Central Baptist Church, Erie, Pa. He is now serving as the minister of the Congregational Church of Union Grove, Wisconsin.

● The Grace Baptist Church of West Fargo, N. Dak., held a Vacation Bible School from June 3 to 13. Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Friesz were in charge of the fine school. A demonstration program was given by the 37 pupils on June 13 as they reviewed some of the things they had learned. Rev. and Mrs. Bernard Fritzke, Mrs. Royal Diede, Mrs. Melvin Walker and Mrs. Bennie Rott also assisted in the teaching program. The report of the dedication of the new basement church building on June 26 appears elsewhere in this issue.

● The Riverview Baptist Church of St. Paul, Minn., has purchased a new site of four and one-half acres at Hall and Moreland Streets in West St. Paul for \$10,000. This property is located a mile and a half south of the present

church site. The business transaction was recently announced to the church by the chairman of the Building Fund, Mr. Herbert Legler. The pastor, Rev. S. Donald Ganstrom, has stated that plans for a new church building on this site are still indefinite, but that the area has great promise for an aggressive church's ministry.

● The West Center Street Baptist Church of Madison, S. Dak., has extended a call to Rev. Jothan G. Benke of Watertown, Wis., to which he has responded favorably. He has presented his resignation to the First Baptist Church of Watertown, which he has served since 1949 and announced that he would begin his ministry in Madison, S. Dak., on October 1. He will succeed Rev. Fred Schmidt, now of Victor, Iowa. The Madison Church in recent months has been supplied by Dr. D. W. Harper of Nashville, Tenn., an ordained Baptist minister who is teaching at the local college.

● The Baptist Church of Baileyville, Ill., held a Vacation Bible School in July with a large enrollment of 110 children besides the large staff of officers, teachers and helpers. The closing program was presented on Friday evening, July 14. The Sunday School presented the denominational Children's Day program and received a Chapel Building Fund offering of \$27.20. Recently the 16th anniversary of ordination into the Christian ministry was observed by the pastor, Rev. Harold Sanders, as he preached on "The Importance of the Gospel and the Ministry That Is Ours."

● In the May 30, 1957 issue of the "Baptist Herald" an interesting paragraph appeared on page 2 concerning the work of the Canadian Baptists. However, the number of baptisms reported should have been 4,473 which is a much larger figure than that which was cited. Dr. T. B. McDormand, general secretary-treasurer of "The Baptist Federation of Canada," called attention to this error. He also paid tribute to Rev. E. P. Wahl's ministry as president of the Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, Alberta, and stated that he is an interested reader of the "Baptist Herald."

● Dr. and Mrs. Paul Gebauer and their two children, Ann Elizabeth and Walter, sailed on the "SS United States" from England on July 31 and arrived in New York City on August

5. After spending several days in New York City and Washington, D.C., they continued their journey to Portland, Oregon, where they will make their residence during their furlough year. Dr. Gebauer is the superintendent of the Cameroons Baptist Mission and is the senior missionary in service. On July 23, he received the decoration of the "Order of the British Empire" from Queen Elizabeth II at Buckingham Palace in London.

● The month of June proved to be of great historical importance to the White Avenue Baptist Church of Cleveland, Ohio. The pastor, Rev. Edward Kary, baptized seven converts and received them into the fellowship of the church. On June 9th, at a specially called business meeting, the church voted to launch out on a relocation program. For nearly 73 years the White Avenue Church has faithfully ministered to the community of East 55th street and White Avenue, but the rapidly changing conditions of the Inner City area make it necessary for the congregation to move to a new location.

● The June 1957 issue of the "Red Ball" monthly publication of the Ball-Band Plant, Mishawaka, Indiana, manufacturers of Red Ball footwear, published an article and picture concerning the New Hope Settlement in the Southern Cameroons, Africa. In 1955 several cases of scrap foam flatstock were donated by the plant to the Leper Settlement in Africa through Miss Laura E. Reddig, missionary. The natives with the missionaries then developed an interesting method of making shoes from the foam rubber and old tires. The picture in the magazine showed John Gwata demonstrating how the foam is used for the sole of the improvised shoe.

● On Sunday, June 30, the Sunday School of the Immanuel Church, New York, N. Y., brought its most successful year in its history to a close. Enrollment and attendance figures were doubled. Twenty-two pupils earned attendance awards. Frieda Stahr and Christel Folshan both won first prize awards in the Bible Memory Contest. The Vacation Bible School of the church was held from July 8 to 12 with Miss Pat Thompson of the Children's Hour in charge. Professor and Mrs. George A. Dunger and family of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., were guests at the church services on Sunday, June 23, and Dr. Dunger brought one of the messages on that day. Rev. A. Husmann is the pastor.

● On Sunday morning, June 16, at the Bethel Baptist Church of Salem,

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—Ewing Galloway Photo
Kathryn Greig was a woman of breath-taking beauty with a mysterious secret about a valuable emerald necklace.

The Emerald Necklace

By ELISE FRASER



A Christian mystery novel
laid in the exciting city of
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SYNOPSIS

When John Rowland slips his Bible into his pocket and walks out of the mission hall that November night in San Francisco, he begins a strange adventure. For out of the mist steps a woman of breath-taking beauty who calls his name and brings to his startled remembrance his lovely school classmate, Kathryn Greig. Kathryn begs him to have dinner with her, saying she needs help. She asks him to return a small trinket to a friend, hastily scribbling an address on a card. Later he opens the box and discovers a valuable emerald necklace in it. In the meantime Kathryn is kidnapped by two thugs and taken to a hide-out. Soon thereafter, John Rowland falls into a trap and the thugs force him to turn the valuable jewels over to them. John Rowland and Kathryn Greig are then released. While police are looking for the thieves, John does some detective work on his own. He learns that Bruce Farningham has been a gambler and a jewel thief and that he has proposed to Kathryn. Excitedly he goes to tell Kathryn what he has learned. But first she tells him the story how she has accepted Christ as her Savior. John speaks plainly to her, asking if it's true that Farningham is going to marry her.

CHAPTER SEVENTEEN

KATHRYN caught her lip. "He's assuming a lot."

"I'm sorry to push this, Kathryn. But it will make a difference in just what I have to tell you and how to tell it. I do not want you to be hurt."

Kathryn's fingers brushed the cover of the Testament. "No, I'm not going to marry Farningham."

John could have shouted for joy. But he said slowly, "What I have to say is damaging to Farningham. Your affections, then, are not involved?"

Kathryn looked surprised. "My pride, perhaps. A friendship. But not my affections."

John felt relieved. "I'm glad of that, Kathryn. It's a pretty sorry tale." John told her what Won Long had said about Farningham owning a

number of gambling houses, one in Calcutta.

"Impossible!" Kathryn cried.

"I know you are reluctant to believe this," John said, "but Won Long is dependable."

Kathryn jumped up and crossed the room. She stood for some time with her back to John, staring out the window. Finally she turned and faced him as he stood near the mantel. "I see it all now, John. How could I be so blind? I thought Farningham was Howard's friend. But instead . . ."

"Won Long said Farningham had a madness for jewels . . . that he, too, had the fever."

Kathryn said nothing. John waited. Not necessary now, he thought, to speak of Adrienne or to say anything more damaging about Farningham. As far as Kathryn was concerned, the worst had been said. Finally she said in a sad tone, "It is a good thing, John, that I have found this peace."

"Yes, it is a good thing."

John was about to leave when the doorbell rang imperiously. He looked at Kathryn and she nodded. John opened the door and Nyman strode into the room. "We got 'em," he said. "We got 'em all."

"Pierson and Kimball?" John questioned.

"Yes. And the Kingsbury woman and Bruce Farningham."

Kathryn fell back as if she had been struck.

Nyman stared at her. "Say, I forgot. Were you going to marry that guy?"

"No, no," John said, "that was just Farningham's story."

Nyman rubbed his head. "That man told a lot of stories, thicker and faster than anyone I ever saw."

He fumbled in his pocket. "Say, how'd you like to get your necklace back?"

"The necklace!" Kathryn cried. "You have it?"

"I've got something here." There was a flash of jewels and Nyman handed a mass of gold and jewels to Kathryn. She took it eagerly. But the joy faded from her face and a puzzled look took its place.

"It's a copy," she cried. "An imitation. Just paste."

"This isn't your necklace?" Nyman asked.

"No," Kathryn replied. "It's an excellent copy but it is not my necklace."

Nyman looked grieved. "That's what they said but I didn't believe them."

"Who said?" John asked.

"The crooks. That's what they said. That's why they were so mad and spilled the beans. Otherwise that Farningham fellow would have gotten away."

"Suppose you begin at the beginning," John suggested. "We're pretty much in the dark."

"Sure thing," Nyman agreed.

"You see," Nyman began, "it was because the necklace was a phony that Kimball and Pierson squealed on Farningham. It seems he had hired them to get the necklace. Promised them several thousand each. When they tried to turn over this phony he wouldn't accept it and he wouldn't pay. So they were plenty sore."

"Where did you find the crooks?" John asked.

"We got Kimball and Pierson in a rooming house on Ellis street. The landlady got suspicious of them. The lean guy had been consuming quarts of cream, trying to fatten up. The other fellow wore a bandage. Said he had a bad burn. But the landlady surprised him one day, saw him without the bandage, saw the scar."

John shook his head. "She took her life in her hands."

Nyman nodded. "Wonder they didn't bump her off."

"It's a wonder they didn't bump us off," John said.

"Yes," Nyman responded, "but that was a part of Farningham's bargain. No harm was to come to you. He insisted on that. All he wanted was the necklace."

"And he didn't get even that," John commented.

"Apparently not," Nyman agreed. "He thought he was being double crossed somewhere along the line. That's why he squealed on Sabra Kingsbury. Thought she had the necklace."

"Where did you find her?" Kathryn asked.

"In a hotel in Denver," Nyman responded.

"I suppose Farningham was surprised when you picked him up," John hazarded.

"Plenty," Nyman said. "Had a couple of plane tickets to New York and planned to fly from there to Calcutta."

"Why a couple of tickets?" John asked.

Nyman looked at Kathryn and laughed. "Must have planned on taking someone with him."

"The result of this whole matter," Kathryn said, "is that you have the crooks but you haven't the necklace? Is that it?"

"That's what it adds up to," Nyman admitted.

"What about that old grizzled-headed fellow?" John asked.

Nyman nodded. "Got him, too. He doesn't know what it's all about. He was a south of Market bum that these fellows picked up. Just carrying out their orders."

John rubbed his head reflectively. "He did a good job of it." Then he looked at Nyman. "Say, what about that fellow Paul Ames? Where does he come into the picture?"

"Doesn't come in," Nyman said, "at least as far as I know. We have signed confessions from all of them and Ames doesn't seem to be implicated."

"He was closely associated with Farningham," John commented.

"He is the one who warned me the night before the kidnapping," Kathryn said.

"Of course," Nyman agreed, "that could have been to the purpose. That is the purpose of abetting the crime. Still, the whole bunch of them are sore. Don't see why they would shield

him if he were involved."

"Have you talked with him at all?" John asked.

"No. Haven't caught up to him yet. Farningham doesn't seem to have any idea where he is."

"He may be able to shed some light on this affair," John said. "The necklace must be recovered."

"Let's get back to this necklace," Nyman said: "Now if that there paste thing is a copy, it goes to show that someone has had the necklace at least to copy it, doesn't it?"

Kathryn was examining the ornament. "There was an Egyptian scroll under the pendant. That has been left off. At first glance the necklace seems an identical copy but there are a number of differences in the filigree design and the mounting of the gems."

"Take a look at it," Nyman said, taking the necklace from Kathryn and handing it to John. "Does this look like the necklace Mrs. Lockwood handed you?"

John examined it carefully. "Just at a casual glance, it does. Yet, no. It isn't so alive. The gems sparkle and yet there is a real difference."

"The stones are remarkably well cut," Kathryn said, "but they are glass."

"Now, let's go over this thing again," Nyman said. "Let's take it from the time Mrs. Lockwood handed you the jewels."

Carefully John again reviewed the details, the giving of the box to him by Kathryn, his accidental opening of the box, his night of worry, his attempt to deliver the necklace, his finding the bag of jewels, his sewing them all in his vest the night he went to the mission, his return to his room and the concealing of the gems in the cache near the baseboard in the wall of his room.

"And you didn't see the necklace again until the night you handed it over to Pierson?" Nyman asked.

"That's right."

"You are sure that the necklace was not out of your possession until you handed it to Pierson?"

"Yes," John said, "I'm sure of that."

"Then," Nyman said, "the question is whether you handed Pierson the real necklace or a phony."

John saw where Nyman's questions were leading. "And if I handed him a phony?" he asked.

"If you handed him a phony, it puts you on the spot."

"Yes," John said ruefully, "I see that."

"It doesn't put him any more on the spot than it puts me," Kathryn said. "Maybe I gave him a phony to begin with."

Nyman looked at her admiringly. "That's loyalty for you. But a woman doesn't go through what you have for a paste necklace. No, sister, your story won't hold water."

Nyman pocketed the disputed necklace. "I'll keep this for a while," he

said. He started for the door, then turned, "Don't let this keep you awake nights," he said to John.

"Herein do I exercise myself," John quoted, "to have always a conscience void of offence toward God, and toward men."

"Well," Nyman said, "there's nothing like a clear conscience."

When the door closed on Nyman, Kathryn began to pace nervously up and down the room. Suddenly she turned and said, "John I think it would be a good time now to take those unmounted jewels to Won Long. I'd like to get an appraisal for them."

John glanced at the new watch he had recently bought for himself. "Three o'clock. We had better go right away."

"I didn't tell you, John, but I've recently had a letter from my lawyer in London. A draft is due in Howard's mother's account. Besides, her lawyer has decided to handle her money matters in the future. That means . . ."

"That means that the necklace must be found at once," John finished.

Kathryn nodded. She took the bag of jewels from her desk.

"Will they cover the account?" John asked.

Kathryn smiled. "They will cover the present draft."

"Suppose the necklace is not found?"

Kathryn sighed. "I have been praying for wisdom," Kathryn said. "Perhaps the best thing would be to give the whole story to my lawyer."

"That would be wise," John said.

He thought he had never seen Kathryn more beautiful. The shadows beneath her eyes deepened their color to almost violet and the sadness in her face gave it an ethereal quality.

When they entered the shop of Won Long, John was surprised to find Tom Wiley and Adrienne there.

"What's this?" John asked with delight as he saw them bending over a tray of diamonds. "An engagement?"

"Right," Tom said happily.

John introduced Kathryn. As he did so he noticed that the sadness was gone from her eyes. She looked radiantly happy. It's the engagement, he thought, all women love a wedding.

Won Long grinned. "Doesn't your Bible say, 'Whoso findeth a wife findeth a good thing, and obtaineth favour of the Lord?'"

"That's right," Tom agreed. He held up two diamonds. "Which is the better stone?" he asked.

"The smaller one," Kathryn said.

"It has been more skillfully cut," Won agreed. "The other stone was just as good but it was spoiled in the cutting."

John looked at Tom and grinned. "What does that remind you of?"

"And the vessel that he made of clay was marred in the hand of the potter," Tom quoted. "That's what happens when we miss God's way for

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Dedication and Anniversary Festivities

Reports from West Fargo, N. Dak.; Fenwood, Sask.; and Valleyview, Alta.

Twenty-Fifth Anniversary Program of Emmanuel Church, Valleyview, Alta.

The Emmanuel Baptist Church of Valleyview, Alberta, observed its 25th anniversary from June 14 to 16. It was a joyous occasion when friends from far and near gathered to fellowship with us. We can truthfully say with the hymn writer, "Great Is Thy Faithfulness."

The Emmanuel Baptist Church started with a small nucleus, but they were people, who although only homesteaders, had a vision, and who trusted the Lord to go great things. Today, although not on its original location, the church stands as a monument to the goodness of God and to the faithfulness of God's people. A number of the charter members are still with us. Mr. Henry Peters and Mr. Christian Hufnagel gave glowing reports of how the Lord led in organizing the church.

The membership of this church at one time stood at 78, but because of various circumstances some had to relocate elsewhere and have joined our churches there. Our membership today stands at 55. Our church attendance is very transient, because of our strategic situation on the highway that leads to Alaska. We receive visitors, who worship with us from time to time. Lately we have had people with us from California. So we rejoice that God has given us the keeping of a lighthouse in this very northern region.

Our visiting speakers, for whom we thank God were Rev. J. C. Gunst of Forest Park, Ill.; Rev. K. Korella of Edmonton, Alta.; Rev. W. Muller of Carbon, Alta., and Rev. E. Janzen of Fenwood, Sask. The latter two served as pastors on this field. The messages that were brought under the power of God were very inspiring.



The congregation and pastor, Rev. D. Unrau, of the Emmanuel Church, Valleyview, Alta., with visiting pastors at the 25th anniversary celebration of the church, photographed by Rev. J. C. Gunst.

As we continue to labor in this part of the Lord's vineyard, we solicit your prayers. We would say with Paul in I Cor.: 16,9—"For a great door and effectual is opened unto me, and there are many adversaries." There is much land yet to be possessed for the Lord.
D. Unrau, Pastor



The Grace Baptist Church, West Fargo, N. Dak., on the Sunday of Dedication with some of the people in attendance after the morning worship service.

Church Basement Dedication at Grace Church, West Fargo, N. Dak.

After a week in which a disastrous tornado and heavy rains had brought grief and tragedy to Fargo, N. Dak., we of the Grace Baptist Church in West Fargo, N. Dak., were thankful to see sunny skies on Sunday, June 23rd, the day for our church basement dedication. We were also grateful to God that none from our group were in the direct path of the tornado.

The finished church basement cli-

maxed many hours of hard work by members and friends of our church. We are grateful to Rev. and Mrs. Bernard Fritzke for their untiring efforts in seeing that everything was completed for this occasion.

Rev. Richard Schilke of Forest Park, Ill., was our guest speaker on this momentous day and brought inspiring

messages at our morning service and again at the dedication service in the afternoon. Words of greeting were brought to us by the mayor, and from visiting friends of other churches. Messrs. Bennie Rott, John Albrecht and Otto Bertsch, representing the Building Committee, trustees and the treasurer, respectively also brought words of welcome and greetings from our church. The vows of dedication were read responsively by the church and Rev. Bernard Fritzke. The choir's message in song was "The Church Marches On." Rev. Paul Galambos from Yorkton, Sask., who was in this area on vacation, offered the dedicatory prayer. Offerings for the Building Fund on this day totaled \$528.41.

Using the main floor of the church as a dining room, the women of the church served delicious meals to over a hundred members and friends. We are indeed grateful to our Lord for his marvelous grace and numerous blessings upon us.

Mrs. Milton Hochhalter, Reporter

Fiftieth Anniversary of the Baptist Church, Fenwood, Sask.

On February 10, 1907, a group of Christians gathered in a home near Fenwood, Sask., for the purpose of organizing a Baptist church. The name they chose for themselves was the "Beaverhills Baptist Church." Extensive mission work was carried on in the Beaverhills district by this new church. Later a building, to be used as parsonage and meeting house, was

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Our Denomination in ACTION

Eastern Conference

Eastern Conference Youth Convention at Rochester, N. Y.

The Commissioned Baptist Youth of the Eastern Conference held its 34th annual convention June 28 to 30 in the Andrews Street Baptist Church, Rochester, N. Y., with Rev. Arthur Weisser the pastor. Some 90 young people registered. Friday evening an evangelistic service was conducted, when Rev. Dale Chaddock of Arnold, Pa., gave an inspiring message, "There Is No Calypso God." Adolph Hahn of Neustadt, Ontario, served as song leader during the conference.

At the business meeting the following officers were elected: president, Calvin Hartman, Buffalo; vice-president, Vivian Mikolon, Erie; secretary, Joyce Schlitz, Rochester; treasurer, Ruthild Brauch, Rochester; and advisor, Rev. Henry Ramus, Neustadt, Ont.

Highlighting the convention was the banquet on Saturday night at the Lake Avenue Baptist Church. Master of Ceremonies was John Derbecker of Neustadt, Ont., and guest speaker was Rev. G. K. Zimmerman of Forest Park, Ill. He spoke very effectively on the theme, "That I May Know Him."

On Sunday morning Rev. Henry Ramus of Neustadt, Ont., gave a challenging message on "Life Service." This was followed by the installation of new C.B.Y. officers. Rev. Arthur Weisser then conducted the Communion Service, which brought an inspirational and impressive week-end to a close.

Eunice Derbecker, Reporter

Central Baptist Church Men's Brotherhood, Erie, Penn.

Although the Central Baptist Church, Erie, Pa., was without a pastor in April 1957, still nothing daunted eight men to meet and to begin organizing a Men's Brotherhood. In three short months, with also the coming of a new pastor, the men's group has grown to fifteen active members and two "present in spirit," since one is on the Great Lakes and the other in the Armed Forces.

The men have had some very inspiring meetings with times of wonderful fellowship. The ladies of Central Church particularly appreciate this group since at various times they have relieved them of church kitchen duties. In May the Brotherhood served at the Mother-Daughter Banquet and on July 6 served at the fellowship supper held for the missionaries, Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth Goodman, of the Cameroons, Africa.

The charter members are: Eugene Heiple, president; William Siegrist, vice-president; Milton Bartlett, secretary-treasurer; Lincoln Love, Edward Gibbens, Paul Eichler, Merle Gibbens,

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Mrs. Robert Eichler, Reporter

Atlantic Conference

Vacation Bible School at Baptist Church, Elsmere, Del.

The First Baptist Church of Elsmere, Del., held its Vacation Bible School from June 17 to 24, from 9:30 A. M. to noon. Mrs. Eloise Bishop was director of the school, and the theme was "Journeying With Jesus."

There were five departments, with a staff of 15 teachers and helpers and 82 pupils, with 61 having perfect attendance, and a daily average of 83 children and teachers. The mission project of the school was a box containing needles, pins, thumb tacks and scotch tape to be sent to the New Hope Settlement for lepers in the Cameroons, Africa.



Rev. G. Beutler (right) of Chilliwack, B. C., and three young people whom he recently baptized and received into the Victoria Ave. Baptist Church.

An offering was taken each day which totaled \$72.47, and which was given to the church budget. The school came to a close with a demonstration program for the parents on Friday evening, June 24. Rev. Christian Peters is pastor of the church.

Mrs. Eloise C. Bishop, Reporter.

Atlantic Conference Ministers' Institute at Bradley Beach

The pastors and their families of the Atlantic Conference churches came to Bradley Beach, N. J., for a few days of relaxation at the "Cottage" of the Youth Fellowship of New York and vicinity. Mrs. Edwin H. Markle and her staff of faithful helpers made our stay at the cottage a very happy one.

This year's program took us into the Book of Acts of the Apostles. The Reverends Emil Gruen, Paul Zoschke and Christian Peters led us in the morning devotions. In the evening services we heard the Reverends Herbert Freeman, Frank Orthner, Assaf Husmann and Paul Wengel.

Prof. Hugo Lueck from our "School of Prophets" in Sioux Falls, S. Dak., was our lecturer. In a masterful manner, he presented for our consideration "The Apostolic Church." The entire series of lectures was highly interesting and aroused lively discussion.

Rev. Norman Klann was our genial moderator and Rev. Roger Schmidt and Rev. Assaf Husmann took care of our musical programs. On Wednesday evening the ministers' wives arranged a pleasant party. Rev. Herbert Freeman was made responsible for the planning and the arranging of next year's program.

Frank Orthner, Secretary

Pacific Conference

Baptism on Pentecost Sunday at Chilliwack, B. C.

Sunday, June 9, was a day of victory and rejoicing for members and friends of the Victoria Ave. Baptist Church, Chilliwack, British Columbia, who witnessed the baptism of three persons, thus signifying their death to sin through the atoning blood of Christ and their consecration to live by the power of his spirit.

Beautiful flowers decorated the sanctuary on this great day of Pentecost as the pastor, Rev. G. Beutler, brought his message on "Be Ye Filled With the Spirit." For the baptismal service in the evening the pastor portrayed the two baptisms, the water baptism, performed by man as the outward sign, and the baptism with the Holy Ghost and fire, God's gift to the believer which changes the heart.

The choir uplifted the message with the anthem, "Come Thou Almighty King." Celebration of Holy Communion followed the baptism.

Mrs. G. Beutler, Reporter



The religious float entered by the First Baptist Church, Elk Grove, Calif., in a community parade celebrating Elk Grove's Western Festival. The float won first prize as "the most outstanding entry."

Elk Grove, Calif., Church Has Prize Float

Recently the First Baptist Church of Elk Grove, Calif., entered a float in a community parade which was sponsored by the Mother's Club of the Elk Grove Grammar School in connection with their Western Festival. "Faith of Our Fathers" was the theme of our float which showed a pioneer family in their home having family devotions. At the end of the float was a huge Bible with the verse, "Righteousness Exalteth a Nation."

We were fortunate in winning the first prize ribbon for the most outstanding float, and we consider this a great opportunity to witness to our community. Rev. W. W. Knauf is pastor of our church.

Mrs. Ed Kammerer, Reporter

Dakota Conference

Women's 60th Anniversary Program, Germantown Church, N. Dak.

On May 26 the Woman's Missionary Society of the Germantown Church near Cathay, N. Dak., observed its 60th anniversary. To celebrate the occasion we had a program in the evening, with the Cathay, Fessenden and Carrington societies as our guests. Our program consisted of an organ prelude, group singing and devotions led by our pastor's wife, Mrs. Elmer Euenning, and a welcome by our president, Mrs. E. V. Siebold.

Special music consisted of two duets and a trio. Several readings and the history of the society were read. We were privileged to hear an inspiring message by the Cameroons missionary, Miss Esther Schultz, who was also with us during the morning services.

Mrs. Weston Rudel, Secretary

Alfred and Gackle, N. Dak., Churches Hold Vacation School

Fifty-seven young "pioneers" gathered at the Alfred Baptist Church, Alfred, N. Dak., in June for a week of

"Pioneering with Christ." This year we combined the Gackle and Alfred Vacation Bible Schools by transporting the Gackle children to Alfred with a school bus. The children sang to their heart's content as they made their way to and from school on the bus.

Teachers from both churches along with Mr. LeRoy Kiemele, our student pastor from Linton, N. Dak., comprised our teaching staff, as follows: Beginners, Mrs. Norman Martin, Mrs. Jake Herrman, and Mrs. Joe Kirvida; Primary, Mrs. Manuel Wolff, Misses Adel Rutsch and MaryAnn Entzinger; Juniors, Mrs. Jalmer Anderson and Mrs. Harry DeWitt; Intermediates, Mr. LeRoy Kiemele; superintendent and recreation leader, Rev. M. Wolff. A closing program was given to a large audience at the Gackle church on Sunday evening, June 9th.

During the past year, Rev and Mrs. M. Wolff conducted a Scripture memorization course after school each Thursday. Thirteen students completed the course. Those having their own Bibles were given a set of Bible story books. Others were given Bibles, and six were awarded a free week at Crystal Springs Youth Camp.

M. Wolff, Pastor



Vacation Bible School children of the Alfred and Gackle, N. Dak., churches at the demonstration program held in the Gackle Church on Sunday evening, June 9.

A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Christianity is the good man's text; his life, the illustration!

Anonymous

Woman's Missionary Union Sessions at Dakota Conference

The Woman's Missionary Union of the Dakota Conference met at Rapid City, S. Dak., June 28, for its annual business meeting and luncheon. The president, Mrs. R. Grenz, opened the meeting, and Miss Florence Miller, our Japanese missionary, led us in an inspirational and heart-searching devotional period. Mrs. R. H. Zepik led in a fitting Memorial Service. During the business session reports were submitted by the secretary, Mrs. E. Becker; the treasurer, Mrs. C. Fischer (given by Mrs. A. Bibelheimer); the White Cross chairman, Mrs. H. Lippert, and the Finance Committee by Mrs. B. Edinger. The following officers were elected: Mrs. R. Grenz, president; Mrs. C. H. Seecamp, vice-president; Mrs. E. Becker, secretary; and Mrs. Seidel, treasurer.

The evening program was opened with singing led by Mrs. O. Fiesel followed by Scripture by Mrs. E. Fenske and prayer by Mrs. W. Stein. Mrs. M. Brenner of the local society gave a fine welcome. Mrs. Thomas Lutz led in a unique and impressive Installation Service for the newly elected officers. Special music was furnished by a Women's Chorus under the able leadership of Mrs. Willis Potratz, and a beautiful duet selection by Mrs. J. Kastelein and Mrs. B. Lutt. Mrs. F. Moore gave a brief testimony concerning her call to the mission field in Japan. The highlight of the evening was the challenging message and colored slides by our missionary, Miss Florence Miller, as she presented the work and needs of Japan. Her humble spirit and sincere presentation warmed our hearts and has drawn us closer to Christ. A missionary offering of \$261.02 was received.

Mrs. Edwn Michelson, Reporter

Baptismal Service and Women's Anniversary, Vida, Montana

The Zion Baptist Church of Vida, Montana, held a baptismal service on Sunday, June 9, with Rev. August Bertsch baptizing five of our young people.

We also held our Vacation Bible School the first week in June. Our Woman's Missionary Society held an Easter program and, in the month of May, our Woman's Missionary Society held a special program and offering in recognition of the 50th anniversary of the denominational Woman's Missionary Union.

Gary Beuchler, Clerk

Baptismal Service and Bible School, Plum Creek Church

A very impressive baptismal service was held by the Plum Creek Church near Emery, S. Dak., on June 23 at Lake Hanson. Nine young people walked into the baptismal waters on confession of their faith in the Lord Jesus and were baptized by Rev. Willis Potratz, pastor. In the evening we observed the communion service and extended the hand of fellowship to these nine young people.

A Vacation Bible School was held from June 3 to 7 at our Plum Creek Church. Mrs. Emil Radel was in charge of the music. Rev. Willis Potratz led in the worship period and brought flannelgraph lessons. The missionary stories supplied by our denominational staff were brought by the various teachers.

The teachers were as follows: Nursery, Mrs. Herbert Decker; Beginners, Mrs. Adam Fauth and JoNell Jucht; Primary, Mrs. Emil Radel and Vauneta Decker; Juniors, Mrs. Edwin Decker and JoElla Jucht; Intermediate, Rev. Willis Potratz and Marlene Jucht. The climax of the week was a combined Bible School and Children's Day program led by our superintendent, Bennie Fauth. Each class gave the high points of the lessons taught in word and song.

Mrs. Vernon Janssen, Reporter

Northern Conference

New Pastor and Family Welcomed, Trochu, Alta.

On Sunday evening, June 16, the Baptist Church of Trochu, Alta., bade welcome to our new pastor and family, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hoffmann and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hoffman brought his first sermon on Sunday morning.

Vaughn Yost led the song service. Scripture reading and the opening prayer were by Emil Schimke, after Deacon Harry Strosche'n, master of ceremonies, had welcomed friends and visitors to the special festivities. Delton Yost welcomed the family in the name of the Sunday School. Joy Schimke sang a solo, and Idabell Tepper rendered a piano solo. Mildruth Haller gave a reading in the name of the Missionary Echoes. Arthur Rode spoke welcoming words in the name of the C. B. Y., following a solo by Deloras Haller. Mrs. C. Weigum wel-



Rev. August Bertsch (second from left) pastor of the Zion Baptist Church, Vida, Montana, and four young people whom he recently baptized.

comed Mr. and Mrs. Hoffman into the Ladies Missionary Society and Mrs. Harry Stroschein sang a solo. Deacons D. Froehlich and Ted Heer spoke in the name of the church, after which Rev. Granger from the Prairie Bible Institute brought the charge to the church and pastor on Matthew 9:36.

Mr. and Mrs. Hoffman then spoke and asked the cooperation of the church in the Lord's work which is entrusted to them only as laborers together with God and the church.

Edward Rode, Reporter



Vacation School children and teachers of the Plum Creek Baptist Church, Emery, S. Dak., (left), and Rev. Willis Potratz (right) and nine young people whom he recently baptized.

Northern Conference Sessions at Medicine Hat, Alta.

The days of July 3-7 were a special blessing to the delegates and friends gathered for the Northern Conference sessions at the Temple Baptist Church, Medicine Hat, Alta.

God's blessings were further experienced in the theme of the Conference, all the brethren, who spoke on different aspects of "I Will Build My Church and Ye Shall Be My Witnesses," brought a distinct contribution to the fellowship around God's Word. To this fellowship of the Word must be added the instructive devotional periods led by Dr. Frank H. Woyke, our executive secretary, and the messages of the evening services at the Temple and Grace churches.

The Mission Committee report

HARVEST AND MISSION FESTIVAL MATERIALS

The programs and recitation material for the Harvest and Mission Festival to be observed this fall by our Sunday Schools have been sent to all churches. The two page programs can easily be used as bulletin inserts. The back page tells the latest story of Semi Jam of the Cameroons, Africa. The offerings will be designated for our foreign mission work.

Harvest and Mission Festival is observed in Canada on the second Sunday in October. In the United States usually the third Sunday is the date for this Sunday School observance. It can be held on any appropriate Sunday late in September or in October. If further material is desired, please send your request at once to Roger Williams Press, 3734 Payne Ave., Cleveland 14, Ohio.

brought by Rev. Karl Korella reminded us of the many growing opportunities in the realm of our Northern Conference. The Immigration and Denominational Reports reminded us of the open doors to be of service in the ever-widening field of activities before us.

The reports on the Christian Training Institute and the Haven of Rest for the Aged gave us a view of things done and to be done. Professor Roy Seibel gave us practical information on the work of our Seminary.

Missionary Miss Tina Schmidt gave us a view of the Cameroons mission field, and the young people of the host church gave us the missionary challenge through an impressive play during the C. B. Y. program.

The crowning day of the Conference came for everyone on Sunday, July 7th. The morning services were held in the two churches of our denomination in Medicine Hat. Rev. Roy Seibel and Rev. Frank Woyke were the speakers. The great mission service in the afternoon gave a final touch to the many spiritual blessings of the days.

G. J. Thiessen, Reporter



Mrs. Boone, Sunday School superintendent at Dighton, Kansas, (left) with an Easter exhibit of pictures, and the Vacation Bible School group (right).



Southwestern Conference

Children's Day Program and Vacation School, Dighton, Kans.

Interesting and unusual surprises have been in store for us at the Baptist Church of Dighton, Kans., since Mrs. Boone became Sunday School superintendent. A Children's Day program was also held when all our children had a part on the program. Programs sent out by our denominational office were used and appreciated.

From May 20 to 24, we held our first Vacation Bible School since the church was organized in 1951. There were nine students enrolled and seven of these had perfect attendance. There were three classes. Mrs. Robert Lacy taught the Beginners' Class; Henry Reifschneider and Cherrie Yankee taught the Primary Class; and Mrs. W. R. Berger taught the Junior class as well as directed the school.

The closing program was given on May 26 in the church auditorium. Roll call, flag and Bible salutes opened the program. Each class gave a flannel-graph story. Several choruses were sung by the children and Rev. William R. Berger told the mission story of Miss Florence Miller's farewell in Japan.

Mrs. W. R. Berger, Church Clerk

Pentecost Sunday Services at Marion, Kans.

Pentecost Sunday was observed on Sunday, June 9, at the Emmanuel Baptist Church of Marion, Kansas. The two neighboring churches of Durham and Strassburg were again invited, as in former years.

The guest speaker of the day was Dr. Walter Wessel of our North American Baptist Seminary, who brought three very inspiring and challenging messages.

In the morning the local choir, under the direction of Mr. Otto Funk, blessed our hearts with two numbers. In the evening the Men's Chorus of the Strassburg Church sang under the direction of Mr. Roy Vogel. Mr. David Zimmermann led the Durham Church Choir in two inspiring numbers in the evening also. Rev. Norman Miller, pastor of the Durham Church, and

Dr. Lando Hiebert, interim pastor of the Strassburg Church, assisted in the services.

June 9th was also Children's Day, a lovely recognition service was presented by the Cradle Roll Department under the direction of Mrs. John Helmer and assisted by Mrs. Dorothy Knalson. At a recent communion service our pastor, Rev. Fred Knalson, extended the hand of fellowship to a new member, Mr. Harry Koslowsky of Peabody, Kansas. We also had a fine Bible School under the direction of our pastor and a teaching staff of nine consecrated workers. Forty-five pupils were enrolled.

Mrs. Harry Koslowsky, Reporter

A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

It does not require great learning to be a Christian and be convinced of the truth of the Bible. It requires only an honest heart and a willingness to obey God.

—Barnes



The Pentecost Sunday morning service at the Emmanuel Church, Marion, Kansas, with Dr. Lando Hiebert (left to right on the platform), Rev. Norman Miller, Dr. Walter Wessel and Rev. Fred J. Knalson taking part in the service and with the church choir, directed by Mr. Otto Funk (2nd row from back, extreme left), in the choir loft.

50th ANNIVERSARY, FENWOOD

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purchased in the village Fenwood. In 1920 the present church building was erected. The church name was changed to the Fenwood Baptist Church.

During the past year it was decided, because of the adversity of winter weather, to hold the official observance of the fiftieth anniversary of the Fenwood Baptist Church in the month of June. From June 2-7 we were privileged to have the Rev. Daniel Fuchs of Forest Park, Ill., serve us in a series of evangelistic meetings. We are grateful to God for the soul-stirring messages given by Mr. Fuchs.

Anniversary Sunday, June 9, dawned grey and rainy. Instead of dampening our spirits, it gave rise to a greater spirit of thankfulness among the members and friends who gathered in the church, for the rain was sorely needed on the newly-sown fields.

The congregation, which filled the church to capacity, heard words of greeting from former pastors and members and a brief re-telling of some of the highlights in the fifty year history of the church. Rev. Daniel Fuchs was the guest speaker for this occasion and challenged us anew.

One charter member is still a member of the Fenwood Church and was present on this day. Besides this one, we were privileged to have three other charter members present who now hold their membership in the churches in Swan River, Manitoba, and Chilliwack, British Columbia. Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Rempel, who served the church from 1920-1923 and who now live in retirement in Morris, Manitoba, also arranged to be in our midst for this festive occasion.

Our theme for this anniversary celebration was "Hitherto Hath the Lord Helped Us." We wish not to rest on the memories of the past but to go forth in the will and strength of him who has hitherto been with us.

Eldon L. Janzen, Pastor

Obituary

(Obituaries are to be limited to about 150 words. A charge of five cents a line is made for all obituaries.)

MISS ETHELYN RIEDHAUSER of Chicago, Illinois

Miss Ethelyn Agnes Riedhauser of Chicago, Ill., was born on Sept. 7, 1902, in Chicago. She learned to love and receive Christ as her gift of real life from God, and following her obedience in baptism, she became a member of East Side Baptist Church of Chicago. Her service and devotion were consistent, unassuming and dependable.

She was called to man's highest goal, her full redemption in Christ, on June 19, 1957, her mother and father and two brothers having preceded her. Her going Home is remembered by her sister, Mrs. William Harris; her brother-in-law, Mr. William Harris; two nephews, William and David; a niece, Kathleen; and by her brother, Arnold. We know that this experience, too, is covered by God's love. Blessed are they who die in the Lord!

East Side Baptist Church Chicago, Illinois.

FRED SONNENBERG, Pastor.

MRS. MINNIE MARIE STRANDT of Anaheim, California

Mrs. Minnie Marie Strandt of Anaheim, Calif., was born in Germany on November 6, 1892. She went to be with the Lord on May 10th after a brief illness. She came to America from Germany in 1916 and married Mr. Herman F. Strandt in Menominee, Michigan. They moved to Anaheim, Calif., in 1919 and joined the Bethel Baptist Church, where Mrs. Strandt was a very active and much loved member.

She leaves to mourn her passing her husband, Herman; one son, Herbert, of Anaheim; two daughters: Mrs. Ruth Leland of San Dimas, Calif., and Mrs. Esther Craig of Alameda, Calif. A sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Franz, and a brother, John Piescher of Olive, Calif., also survive. There are also 10 grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on May 14th with the Rev. Berthold Jacksteit, pastor of the Bethel Baptist Church, officiating.

Bethel Baptist Church, Anaheim, California

Berthold Jacksteit, Pastor.

MR. H. HERMAN MEYER of Greeley, Colorado

Mr. H. Herman Meyer of Greeley, Colo., was born on July 30, 1883 in Schneine, West Prussia, Germany. In October 1886 he came to the United States with his parents, and for the past 53 years has lived in the La Salle-Greeley area.

It was in the late 1890's when Mr. Meyer accepted Christ as his Savior and was baptized under the ministry of Rev. Ewald Meyer. Brother Meyer was a faithful member of the First Baptist Church of La Salle for many years, during which time he held numerous positions. He was a well beloved friend of all and will be sincerely missed by everyone who knew him.

For the past year or more, Brother Meyer suffered from his illness. On June 23 he was called to his heavenly home at the age of 73 years.

Those who mourn his passing are his wife, Martha; four children, two brothers, two sisters, many other relatives as well as a host of friends.

La Salle, Colorado

F. H. FUCHS, Pastor.

MRS. KATHARINA ZIMMERMANN of Streeter, North Dakota

Mrs. Katharina Zimmermann, nee Pfeifle, of Streeter, N. Dak., was born Nov. 27, 1889, near Artas, S. Dak. She passed to her heavenly home very suddenly on June 21, 1957 at the age of 67 years, 6 months and 24 days. She was united in marriage on Dec. 17, 1907 to Jacob Zimmermann who preceded her in death on July 14, 1942. This union was blessed with 15 children, of whom one died in infancy. Mrs. Zimmer-

mann was converted in her younger years, was baptized and united with the Streeter Baptist Church. Since 1954 she was a resident in the Baptist Home for the Aged at Bismarck, N. Dak.

She leaves to mourn her passing 8 daughters: Mrs. Bertha Job; Mrs. Jacob (Helen) Schaible, Jamestown, N. Dak.; Mrs. Katy Beckstrom, Moorhead, Minn.; Mrs. Edward (Lucy) Roerich, Fargo, N. Dak.; Mrs. Art (Lillian) Becker, Napoleon, N. Dak.; Mrs. Ervin (Lenora) Becker, Streeter, N. Dak.; Mrs. Nowell (Caroline) Ferguson, Napoleon, N. Dak.; Mrs. Mike (Alvina) Schwarzenberger, Ypsilante, Mich.; 6 sons: Jul'us, Hart, Mont.; Jacob, Jamestown, N. Dak.; Emil and Leon, Napoleon, N. Dak.; Elmer, Bismarck, N. Dak.; and Marvin, U. S. Army.

Streeter, North Dakota

E. BROECKEL, officiating Pastor.

MRS. ROSINA SCHLITTENHARD of Gackle, North Dakota

Mrs. Rosina Schlittenhard, nee Bechtoldt, of Gackle, N. Dak., was born Oct. 3, 1879 in South Russia. She was united in marriage to Mr. David Schlittenhard on Jan. 20, 1904 in South Russia. This union was blessed with eight children. She and her husband were pioneers in the area. They settled in the Gackle area in 1903 and farmed until 1941.

Mrs. Schlittenhard accepted Jesus Christ as Savior in May 1915. She followed her Lord in baptism and became a member of the Grace Baptist Church of Gackle in 1918. She was a charter member of the Ladies' Aid. She passed away June 26, 1957 at the age of 77 years and 8 months. Funeral services were conducted in Gackle July 1st by Rev. M. Wolff and Rev. A. J. Fischer of Linton, N. Dak.

She leaves to mourn her departure four sons: David F., Karl, Edward, all of Gackle and Robert of Jamestown, N. Dak.; four daughters: Mrs. J. J. (Katherine) Weikum, Mrs. W. H. (Amalie) Reiger, Emelie and Ruth, all of Fargo, N. Dak.; 11 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

Gackle, North Dakota

MANUELA WOLFF, Pastor

MRS. KATHRYN E. BATT of Marion, Kansas

Mrs. Kathryn Elizabeth Batt, nee Propp, of Marion, Kansas, was born on Nov. 19, 1866 at Brunnerthal, Russia. She departed this life on July 1, 1957 at the age of 90 years, 7 months and 20 days. During the last two years of her life, she suffered a lingering illness and spent all of that time in the hospital.

On Oct. 15, 1886, he was united in marriage to Jacob Batt, with whom she shared

II CORINTHIANS 5:1

"For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens."

the blessings of married life and the rearing of a family for 53 years. Mr. Batt preceded her in death in 1939. In 1886 Mr. and Mrs. Batt settled on a farm in the Antelope community near Marion. In 1908 she united with the Strassburg Baptist Church upon confession of Christ as her Savior. In 1914 they moved to Marion, where she then united with the Emmanuel Baptist Church, remaining a faithful member until her death. She is survived by six children, three sons and three daughters: Fred of Marion; Charles of Marion; Lydia Longhofer of Marion; Emmanuel of Florence; Sara Uhrich of British Columbia, Canada; Hannah Fogel of California.

Emmanuel Baptist Church, Marion, Kansas

FRED J. KNALSON, Pastor.

RONALD BRUCE GIENOW of Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan

Ronald Bruce Gielow was born to Mr. and Mrs. Norman Gielow of the West Ebenezer district, Oct. 31, 1928. He attended the Grunert School and Yorkton Collegiate. In 1946 he enlisted with the Royal Canadian Air Force with whom he was serving as Flying Officer at the time of death. In 1949 he was united in marriage to Joan Gibson. She predeceased him in 1954, leaving two small children in care of the grandparents until this time. To our great shock and sorrow, we were advised of Ronald Gielow's death on Sunday, July 7, 1957. He plunged almost 5,000 feet to his death in an unsuccessful parachute jump attempt at York Lake Kinsmen Regatta.

Ronald Gielow's conversion experience and baptism took place in 1942. He took an active part in the Sunday School and youth work while at home in the West Ebenezer Baptist Church. At the memorial service in the United Church of Yorkton, the Springside Baptist Quartet sang "Beyond the Sunset" and "The Lights of Home." The undersigned officiated at the service and brought the message. Full military honors were paid at the funeral and especially at the cemetery where detachments of all armed forces were represented.

Springside, Saskatchewan

BERTHOLD E. MILNER, Pastor.

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Northern	4,085.15	3,560.79	2,753.91
Northwestern	4,402.90	6,716.07	7,732.43
Pacific	4,104.44	3,423.14	2,233.06
Southern	1,484.34	1,569.47	702.47
Southwestern	2,477.86	2,541.76	2,796.57
Inter-Conference	—	—	2,327.78
Total Contributions	\$28,611.50	\$35,267.27	\$28,579.95

CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED

	Budget Contributions	Other Purposes	Total Contributions
For the month of June, 1957	\$26,303.12	\$ 2,308.38	\$28,611.50
For the month of June, 1956	31,806.38	3,460.89	35,267.27
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CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR

April 1, 1957 to June 30, 1957	\$127,355.55	\$ 9,217.50	\$136,573.05
April 1, 1956 to June 30, 1956	124,562.78	11,146.48	135,709.26
April 1, 1955 to June 30, 1955	112,595.11	11,573.79	124,168.90

CHRISTIANS ON OFFENSIVE

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often we sit nestled in our cozy little nook, complacent and indifferent to Satan's ever widening sphere of influence. How God needs energetic, enthusiastic Christians who will take the offensive, who will let the Holy Spirit be their constant guide, and who, with love and compassion, will be real warriors for the cause of Christ.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS

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crushed to earth will rise again." It was said of the Israelites that "the more they afflicted them, the more they multiplied and grew" (Ex. 1:12). The Word of God was not merely on the roll which Jehoiaakim destroyed, but in the heart and mind of the faithful prophet. And so it was, that Jeremiah not only repeated the words of the book which the king of Judah had burned, but he added much more than was originally written.

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

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Oregon, 200 copies of the "North American Hymnal" were dedicated. These hymnals were the gift of Mrs. Bertha Heyden, who is the oldest

member of the church, having celebrated her 98th birthday several weeks ago. Rev. Everett Barker, pastor, preached on the subject, "The Christian Family." In recognition of Rev. Charles Knapp's anniversary of ordination, which took place at the Trinity Baptist Church, Portland, Oregon, in June 1907, the Salem Church presented him with a bouquet of flowers. He is still active in the church and at present is teaching an adult Bible Class, as reported by Mrs. Roy A. Rocks.

• A missionary rally was held on Sunday afternoon, June 23, at the Bethel Church, Anaheim, California, with Rev. Gilbert Schneider, Camerons missionary at the New Hope Settlement, as the guest speaker. Members of the Upper Bay Church of Santa Ana Heights, the Magnolia Church of Anaheim, and the Harbor Trinity Church of Costa Mesa were also in attendance. On Tuesday evening, June 18, the Bethel Woman's Missionary Society celebrated its 50th anniversary with a special program. Dr. B. Jacksteit, pastor of the Bethel Church, was the speaker. On July 11, the Woman's Missionary Society honored Miss Lorraine Fleishman, a member of the church and missionary to Japan, at a picnic reception. On July 18, Miss Florence Miller, missionary to Japan, was the guest speaker at a missionary service held by the church.

Spice of Life

In her lecture the teacher said, "Iceland is about as large as Siam." In his notebook, Willie wrote, "Iceland is about as large as teacher."

Teacher: "What would you do in the case of a person eating poisonous mushrooms?"

Medical student: "I'd prescribe a change of diet."

Many a man who proposed on his knees has spent the next ten years trying to get back on his feet.

Professor: What is the most common impediment in the speech of American people?

Freshman: Chewing gum.

Coach to football lineman: "You're out of condition again, Jones. What-cha been doing, studyin'?"

THE EMERALD NECKLACE

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our life. Then our lives cannot be as beautiful or shine as brilliantly."

"You two," said Won, "you find a sermon in everything." He picked up the jewel which was spoiled in the cutting. "This has what we call a sleepy look while the diamond you hold in your hand is live and brilliant."

"Arise, shine; for thy light is come." In other words, wake up, don't be sleepy," John said.

Tom indicated the sleepy stone. "What happened? Didn't the fellow who cut this know his business?"

"He might have," Won admitted. "Even professional cutters make mistakes. Some feel they are so experienced they do it by instinct. But they make mistakes that way."

"Just as we do," John said, "when we lean to our own understanding instead of seeking God's wisdom."

Tom laughed. "We could go on forever, couldn't we?"

"You're two of a kind," Won agreed good naturedly. He turned to Kathryn. "Any news yet?"

Kathryn gave him the details they had just had from Nyman.

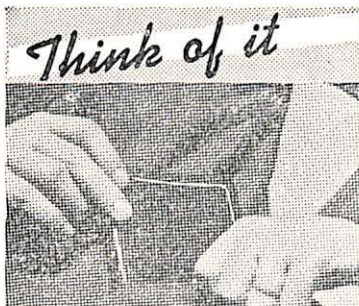
Adrienne shivered. "Oh, Tom! To think we were mixed up in all that!"

Won Long was shaking his head and saying, "A paste necklace. Think of it."

After Tom and Adrienne had left the shop, Kathryn opened her purse and took out the jewels she had brought for appraisal. As she spread them on the counter, Won Long gave a gasp of surprise.

"What is it?" Kathryn asked.

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